

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/25/1508	Case Officer:	Emma Rivett
Application Type:	Trees in a Conservation Area		
Proposal:	Hornbeam - Fell		
Site:	418 Franklands Village, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 3RS, , , ,		
Validation Date	10 Jun 2025	Overall Expiry Date:	2 Jul 2025
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	No Objection	Recommendation Date:	2 Jul 2025
Target Date:	22 Jul 2025	Recommending Officer Signature:	Emma Rivett

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	0
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Signed and Agreed By:	Stephen Ashdown	Date:	3 Jul 2025
Comments:			

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**418 Franklands Village, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 3RS, , ,
Hornbeam - Fell
Chelsea Banks**

The proposed work is to fell a hornbeam, which is outside number 418 Franklands Village. It is on the roadside and overhangs the pavement as well as the road.

Fomes fomentarius, decay, bracket fungi are present up the stem and around the base of the tree. Upon tapping the stem, it is evident that it is starting to hollow out, meaning that the support from the heartwood is weakened. Fomes fomentarius is a white rot which degrades both the lignin and the cellulose, and can cause brittle fracture in trees. As the fungi is present around the buttress roots of this tree, the structural support normally provided by these roots is now unreliable. Whilst the tree looks healthy from a foliage point of view, its structural integrity is compromised. Pruning this tree would not resolve the issue, as it could be prone to windthrow and or stem snap.

Felling is the only option, particularly given the high target area.

No objection is recommended.

Decision: No Objection

Case Officer: Emma Rivett