

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/0189	Case Officer:	Emma Rivett
Application Type:	Trees in a Conservation Area		
Proposal:	T7: Ash - reduce by 10m. T1, T2 and T8: Holly - reduce back to hedge line. T9: Macrocarpa Cypress - Fell. T10: Holly - Fell.		
Site:	4 Lucas Way, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 1JR, , , ,		
Validation Date	27 Jan 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	17 Feb 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	No Objection	Recommendation Date:	19 Feb 2026
Target Date:	10 Mar 2026	Recommending Officer Signature:	Emma Rivett

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	0
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Signed and Agreed By:	Beth Howland-Smith	Date:	24 Feb 2026
Comments:			

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Ms Lisa King

The proposed work is as described. The description has been edited to remove the laurel from the application, as these are shrubs and cannot be considered. Further the ash reduction of 10m was considered excessive, so a crown raise of 6m from the ground was agreed at the site meeting.

T10 is an ash, which has some ash dieback and has some over-extended limbs, overhanging a hedge. The proposed crown raise would raise these limbs above the hedge, which will allow more light through to the hedge and alleviate some of the pressure on the branch unions at the main stem. This is good practice and would not be of detriment to the health of the tree.

T1, T2 and T8 are all holly trees. To reduce them back to hedge height would maintain them as a barrier and would not be detrimental to the health of them.

T9 is a macrocarpa, which has grown one sided due to the presence of other trees. Reducing this tree back would not be viable without leaving many brown, dead sections. The removal of this tree would be suitable as it is in the wrong place and is overshadowing the rest of the garden and other trees.

T10 is a holly, which has grown towards and is in contact with the house. It has been overshadowed by the macrocarpa and is of poor form. Felling this tree would mean that there would be more light availability for other native species, planted as a hedge.

All the proposed work is deemed reasonable, none of the trees would be worthy of TPO, and all the work would benefit other species.

No objection is recommended.

Decision: No Objection

Case Officer: Emma Rivett