

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/25/2713	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	Ash tree - Fell		
Site:	Land Behind 5 And 6 The Dell, Cuckfield, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH17 5AD, , ,		
Validation Date	24 Oct 2025	Overall Expiry Date:	14 Nov 2025
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	20 Nov 2025
Target Date:	19 Dec 2025	Recommending Officer Signature:	Irene Fletcher

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	0
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Signed and Agreed By:	Beth Howland-Smith	Date:	21 Nov 2025
Comments:			

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DM/25/2713

**Land Behind 5 And 6 The Dell, Cuckfield, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH17 5AD, ,
Ash tree - Fell
Carolyn Henry**

Permission is sought for the works as described.

The tree is located on land to the rear of 5-6 The Dell. It is in the ownership of Tower House Close residents, but it is located a significant distance from any properties. Properties in The Dell are in close proximity to the tree which forms a backdrop to these properties, along with a number of other trees. It is a late mature specimen.

Permission was granted under ref DM/25/1888 to reduce the tree. However, the tree officer advised by way of an informative, that a health and safety assessment should be carried out. She also advised affected residents that the tree had multiple defects including Ganoderma, present on scaffolding limbs, and evidence of decayed fruiting bodies around base, ADBD, ash canker, crown die back and multiple cavities.

This, current application has now been submitted, and whilst the tree is of undoubted biodiversity value and has amenity value, in this case, the risks of retaining the tree outweigh the benefits.

The reasons for felling are as the tree officer's observations.

Permission is recommended.

Decision: Permission

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher