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Application for works to trees subject to a tree preservation order (TPO) and/or notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation site.

Your Data

REFERENCENUMBER	9049-3458-2413-5367
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Applicant Details

First name	Piers
Last name	Bryant
Phone number	
Email address	
Confirm email address	
Address	17 LEWES ROAD HAYWARDS HEATH WEST SUSSEX RH17 7SP

Agent Details

Name	Lee
Last Name	Rowbottom
Company	Fellgrove
Address	Innovation Centre University Way Canterbury CT2 7FG
Phone number	
Email address	

Tree Location

Do all trees stand at the applicant address?	No
Full address/location of the site where the tree (s) stand	15 Lewes Road Haywards Heath Rh17 7SP

Location Description	The tree is located to the north east of 15 Lewes Road and sits on ground >1m above 17 Lewes Road to the East. Within the rear garden of 15 Lewes Road
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Ownership of Trees

Is the applicant the owner of the trees?	No
First name	Unknown
Last name	Unknown
Phone number	
Email address	
Address	

TPO Details

Are you seeking consent for works to tree(s) subject to TPO	No
Are you wishing to carry out works to tree(s) in a conservation area?	Yes
If you know which TPO protects the tree(s), enter its title or number	
Please identify the tree (s) and provide a full and clear specification of the works you want to carry out	The Giant Sequoia located between 15 and 17 Lewes Road exhibits a pronounced lean towards the property at 17 Lewes Road. The tree stands on elevated ground relative to the property, with voiding noted around the root plate and evidence of mammal activity (likely badger disturbance) contributing to possible root instability. Canopy While the tree retains some canopy vitality, the combination of structural lean, elevated ground position, and observed voiding presents a foreseeable risk of partial or total failure towards the dwelling at 17 Lewes Road. Given the tree’s size and proximity to residential areas, any such failure could result in significant harm to persons or property. Root-plate instability indicators The combination of slope loading, lean and mammal excavation constitutes evidence of differential root-plate movement. According to BS 5837 Annex A and AFAG 401, trees on raised ground adjacent to excavation or erosion should be regarded as higher risk for rotational failure. Soil moisture and seasonal heave Given the elevated position and the property’s lower ground level, soil moisture variation could accelerate downslope movement during prolonged wet periods. This connects the lean and voiding to foreseeable seasonal triggers. Mass and target severity At an estimated mass exceeding 25 t, even partial failure of the main stem or root-plate could cause structural damage to the dwelling or present life-threatening injury to occupants, placing this tree within the ‘high consequence’ category under the HSE’s tree-safety zoning principles (SIM 01/2007/05). Further surveys Further investigation by sonic tomography or static load testing may assist in quantifying the extent of any internal decay or root-plate compromise.

	Recommendations In accordance with the duty of care placed upon landowners and occupiers under the Occupiers' Liability Acts 1957 and 1984, the tree owner should take reasonable steps to identify and manage risks associated with trees on their land. In this instance, appropriate and proportionate risk management would include: Carry out a crown reduction (up to 20% or 1.6m from each aspect) to reduce sail area and loading on the root plate. The crown reduction will leave a crown radius of 6.4m Reinspection following significant meteorological events (e.g. wind speeds exceeding Beaufort Scale 6) and at least annually, or sooner if further ground movement or canopy change is observed.", and after any remedial works, to monitor for further ground movement or canopy decline. All operations should comply with BS 3998:2010 – Tree Work – Recommendations
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Additional Information

Sketch plan clearly showing the position of trees listed in the previous question	Application 17 Lewes Road Tree Survey.pdf (download)
Please provide a reason why you wish to perform these works	Very large tree located on ground which is >1m higher than the patio and drive within 17 Lewes Road. The topography of the ground may have impacted the structural integrity of the root plate. Tree has a lean towards the property at 17 Lewes road with sparse canopy cover on the northwest aspect. At ground level a void on the northeast aspect was observed with a depth of 300mm and dead wood present. Badgers are known to be in the area with signs of digging activity around the base
Condition of the trees(s)	Yes
Advice/Diagnostics	Application 17 Lewes Road Tree Survey.pdf (download)
Alleged damage to property	No
Report/Evidence	
Are you providing separate information?	Yes
Please provide the reference numbers of plans, documents, professional reports, photographs etc in support of your application.	Application 17 Lewes Road Tree Survey

Authority/Employee

With respect to the Authority, I am	none of the above
Please provide details of the name, relationship and role	

Declaration

Signed - Applicant	P Bryant
Signed - Agent	L Rowbottom
Date	2025-01-24

Summary of Form

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