

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/25/2827	Case Officer:	Emma Rivett
Application Type:	Trees in a Conservation Area		
Proposal:	T1 : 1 no Sycamore - Fell. T2: 2 no Ash - Fell. T3 1 no Pin Oak - Prune back to fence line.		
Site:	Keymer Rectory, 1 The Crescent, Hassocks, West Sussex, BN6 8RB, , ,		
Validation Date	3 Nov 2025	Overall Expiry Date:	25 Nov 2025
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	No Objection	Recommendation Date:	26 Nov 2025
Target Date:	15 Dec 2025	Recommending Officer Signature:	Emma Rivett

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	3
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Signed and Agreed By:	Beth Howland-Smith	Date:	3 Dec 2025
Comments:			

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Ms Theresa Tippling**

The proposed work is as described.

All of the trees are alongside the highway and are visible from the public realm. The proposed work has been requested by West Sussex County Council contractors Enervo and Tay Valley Lighting.

The trees have grown up and are now obstructing the street light.

The sycamore is a sapling and would only cause issues if left to grow in this location. Felling would remove the issue for the street light and provided it was treated or the roots ground out, it would allow more space for other trees to thrive.

The ash trees are also just saplings and are inhibiting views from The Crescent to the main road, as well as obstructing the street light on this corner junction. There are other trees in the vicinity and the loss of these ash saplings would be fairly insignificant.

The pin oak is growing and overhanging the pavement and the road. The proposed work will reduce the tree back sufficiently so as to maintain a clearance from the pavement and road.

Whilst the objection has been noted, the proposed work is required under the Highways Act 1980. Further to this point, the proposed work is to remove saplings/ young trees. Other trees will remain untouched and therefore the visual barrier between the roadside and the garden of The Rectory would remain intact.

It is also noted that an Arboricultural Report is not required for a TCA application.

No objection is recommended.

Decision: No Objection

Case Officer: Emma Rivett