

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/1447	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	Oak Tree - Sectional dismantling and removal of tree.		
Site:	5 Johnson Drive, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 0TT, , , ,		
Validation Date	10 Jun 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	2 Jul 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Refusal	Recommendation Date:	27 Jul 2026
Target Date:	5 Aug 2026	Recommending Officer Signature:	Irene Fletcher

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	0
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Signed and Agreed By:	Stephen Ashdown	Date:	28 Jul 2026
Comments:			

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Mr Chris Thomas**

Permission is sought for the works as described.

The tree is a mature specimen located in the rear garden. The estate development is characterised by mature oaks, both in rear gardens, and surrounding rear gardens.

A large garden room has been erected under the canopy of the tree and close to its trunk. In addition, there is also a small storage building, under the canopy, within the owner's land. The owner of the tree is not the applicant and, it is believed that the owner owns the adjacent property. He has submitted a statement of support advising that the tree is causing extensive damage to his fence, paving and causing his shed to lean out of plumb. Photographic evidence and been supplied, as part of this. He also advises that the canopy is very large and is casting shadow over the rear of his garden.

The shed and hard surfacing have been constructed under the canopy, and within the RPA of the tree, and fencing etc is also within this area.

Damage is consistent with building in this location, and is common to all properties in the vicinity, where construction is within the RPA. Additionally, the tree has been under stress, with recent, dry summers, and it is more common for roots to come to the surface in these conditions.

The felling of the tree is not justified on the grounds of damage to outbuildings, structures or shading.

Refusal is recommended.

Decision: Refusal

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher