

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/1973	Case Officer:	Beth Howland-Smith
Application Type:	Trees in a Conservation Area		
Proposal:	T1 Poplar - Fell, due to significant evidence of honey fungus at base, T2 Poplar - Fell, due to honey fungus at base, T3 Lime - Fell, to create space for other trees nearby, T4 Lime - Fell, to create more space for Copper Beech, Scots Pine and Spruce nearby, T5 Lime - Fell, to create space for other trees nearby, T6 Conifer - Fell, due to die back on western side plus proximity to other trees. T7 Poplar - Fell, due to honey fungus at base.		
Site:	Jordans, Church Lane, Ardingly, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH17 6UP, ,		
Validation Date	10 Aug 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	9 Sep 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	No Objection	Recommendation Date:	19 Aug 2026
Target Date:	21 Sep 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:	11 Sep 2026
Comments:			

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Sarah Chapman**

The proposed work is as described. The description has been amended to include a third poplar, which has succumbed to *Armillaria mellea* (honey fungus), just like the other two. This was noted at the site visit. As such this application has been readvertised to reflect the changes.

All the trees are in the back garden, and none are visible from the public domain.

T1, T2 and T7 are poplars planted close together. *Armillaria mellea* (honey fungus) is present in all three trees and there are basal defects in two of the three trees. The third tree has been added to the application following the site visit, as there is bark necrosis around the base and some degradation of the lignin underneath. There is no management that could rectify the effects of this fungus and to prevent failure, felling is the only option.

T3, T4 and T5 are limes that are growing into the canopy of other trees and supressing the other trees. Felling these trees would benefit other specimens.

T6 is a conifer which is dying back on one side, which appears similar to scale insect infestation. Felling this tree and removing it from site may prevent this insect from affecting other adjacent trees.

All of the work is either for safety reasons or would be of benefit to other trees in the garden.

No objection is recommended.

Decision: No Objection

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