

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/0966	Case Officer:	Emma Rivett
Application Type:	Trees in a Conservation Area		
Proposal:	T1 - Cedar - Fell. G2 - Leyland Cypress x 3 - Fell. G3 - N. Spruce x 5 - Fell. T4 - Sweet Chestnut - Reducing dying limb over garage by 2-3m. T5 - Red Cedar - Remove limb adjacent to house. G6 - Red Cedar x 5 - Fell.		
Site:	Knowles Mead, Church Lane, Ardingly, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH17 6UR, ,		
Validation Date	15 Apr 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	7 May 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	No Objection	Recommendation Date:	16 Apr 2026
Target Date:	27 May 2026	Recommending Officer Signature:	Emma Rivett

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	0
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Signed and Agreed By:	Beth Howland-Smith	Date:	18 May 2026
Comments:			

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Mr And Mrs Fleming**

The proposed work is as described. The description was decided at a pre application meeting.

T1 is a cedar and whilst it is visible from the public domain, it is in rapid decline and there is no remedial work that could be carried out to prevent or reverse the decline. Felling would be the only option.

G2 is a group of 3 Leyland cypress, which have outgrown their situation and are overshadowing many other trees and shrubs. Whilst they are visible from the public realm, they would not be suitable for TPO as they are too large for their situation. This species cannot easily be reduced without losing their form. The removal of these trees would benefit other trees and shrubs and allow for native replanting along this border between properties.

G3 is a row of Norway spruce, which appear to have been Christmas trees, which were planted out some time ago. They are not visible from the public domain. They have one-sided growth due to the presence of the Leyland cypress trees adjacent to them and are significantly overshadowing other plants and trees.

T4 is a sweet chestnut which is growing adjacent to the garage and is in decline. It is not visible from the public domain. It has staghorn dead limbs which have woodpecker holes in them. There is one limb which is dying back and overhangs the garage and to reduce it would prevent it falling onto the garage.

T5 is a Western red cedar which is growing adjacent to the main house. It is not visible from the public domain. One limb is growing over the house and has the potential to cause some damage to the house. The removal of this limb would prevent any further or future damage to the house. There is no other reduction potential and the only way to prevent damage to the house is to remove this limb.

G6 is a row of Western red cedars which have been planted alongside the orchard, but have grown so large, they are overshadowing many of the native trees and the orchard. The removal of these trees would allow more light through to the native cherries and other trees in the orchard. They are not visible from the public domain.

No objection is recommended.

Decision: No Objection

Case Officer: Emma Rivett