

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/1796	Case Officer:	Emma Rivett
Application Type:	Trees in a Conservation Area		
Proposal:	Beech Tree at front of property overhanging road and public footpath. - overall crown lift to 6m in height all around. Holly Tree - remove. Beech Tree in front garden - Crown lift to 7m in height removing two limbs back to main stem on garden side and one limb, removing just small branches only.		
Site:	18 Lucastes Avenue, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 1JX, , , ,		
Validation Date	21 Jul 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	13 Aug 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	No Objection	Recommendation Date:	14 Aug 2026
Target Date:	1 Sep 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 Aug 2026
Comments:			

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Mr Matthew Bourne

The proposed work is as described, following an amendment agreed with the landowner for lesser works to the beech tree in the garden.

The beech at the front of the property is overhanging the public footpath and hangs quite low over it and the adjacent road. Lifting this tree by 6m would alleviate the issues it may cause for traffic passing by and would not be of detriment to the health of the tree.

The holly is growing up into the crown of the beech tree overhanging the road and the removal of this tree would benefit the beech tree.

The beech in the garden is not so visible from the public highway, due to the presence of other vegetation. Initially the proposed work was to remove all the limbs up to 7m back to the main stem. This was deemed excessive as the tree would be exposed to pathogens and may struggle to fully compartmentalise such large wounds on the main stem. Following a telephone conversation with the owner and subsequent email a change in description was agreed.

All the work to these trees is species appropriate and will not be detrimental to the health of them.

No objection is recommended.

Decision: No Objection

Case Officer: Emma Rivett