

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/1204	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	Sycamore (T1) - Fell, as found to exhibit a significant stem cavity with visible decay and historic wound response tissue extending vertically along the main stem.		
Site:	Land Adj To 12 The Rise, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 4DS, , , ,		
Validation Date	13 May 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	4 Jun 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	1 Jul 2026
Target Date:	8 Jul 2026	Recommending Officer Signature:	Irene Fletcher

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	1
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Signed and Agreed By:	Beth Howland-Smith	Date:	2 Jul 2026
Comments:			

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

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wound response tissue extending vertically along the main stem.
C/O Agent**

Permission is sought for the works as described.

The tree is a mature, twin stemmed specimen located in a small, fenced area, above some garages on one side, and surrounded by residential gardens on the others. It has significant visibility between buildings.

The tree has a significant stem cavity and a brief report from the tree surgeon indicates that this is associated with structural weakness of the tree, which has led to repeated branch failure, including a large branch dropping recently. He recommends felling due to the structural defects and continued pattern of limb failure and its high target area.

The tree officer was able to observe the defects, noted previous limb failure and some crown die back. The proximity to residential gardens and property is also a cause for concern.

A representation of support has been received, noting the loss of other sycamores in the vicinity over the years, and branch fall.

In this case, whilst there will be a loss of amenity value, it is considered that the risk of harm from the tree's failure, or further branch drop, outweigh the benefits of retaining the tree.

Permission is recommended.

Decision: Permission

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher