

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/1912	Case Officer:	Emma Rivett - Ex MSDC
Application Type:	Trees in a Conservation Area		
Proposal:	T1 Yew - Fell as severe decline and crown die back. TG2 self sown Ash and Leylandii - remove as infected and growing into the house. T3 Large Conifer - Remove as poorly sited and a possible cause of subsidence. T4 self sown Sycamore - Remove in the interest of safety. T5 Yew - Crown reduction of approx 2-2.5m. T6 Large Ash - Remove as Ash Dieback.		
Site:	1 Peckhams, North Lane, West Hoathly, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 4QF, ,		
Validation Date	3 Aug 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	25 Aug 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	No Objection	Recommendation Date:	13 Aug 2026
Target Date:	14 Sep 2026	Recommending Officer Signature:	Emma Rivett - Ex MSDC

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	1
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Signed and Agreed By:	Beth Howland-Smith	Date:	24 Sep 2026
Comments:			

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Mr Jonathan Couling**

The proposed work is as described.

T1 is a yew in the back garden of the property, which is in decline. It is too close to the house and felling it would benefit other trees.

TG2 is a self set ash and Leyland cypress, growing in between the front fence and the house. There is insufficient space for either tree to develop and damage to the house is inevitable. Felling these trees is advisable.

T3 is a cypress growing too close to the property. It is in a raised area and there is not adequate space for this tree to develop fully. Felling would be the only option.

T4 is a sycamore, which is growing in a raised area and overhangs the road. It has limited space to fully develop and is in poor condition. It is affected by *Cryptostroma corticale* (Sooty Bark Disease) and not bleeding canker as the application suggested. Felling this tree would benefit other trees and remove the potential harm should the tree or parts of the tree fail.

T5 is a yew, which overhangs the road. The proposed work is to reduce it, which would raise it from the road and make it safer for cars and higher sided vehicles to pass by.

T6 is an ash, which overhangs the road from a raise bank. It is in poor condition, ivy clad and affected by Ash Dieback Disease. It is in the latter stages and is in need of felling to prevent failure.

All the work is reasonable and practical, given the location of the trees and proximity to the road.

A representation has been received, requesting the removal of a further yew tree. The LPA has no powers to require this.

No objection is recommended.

Decision: No Objection

Case Officer: Emma Rivett - Ex MSDC