

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/25/2592	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	Oak - fell		
Site:	14 Hill House Close, Turners Hill, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 4YY, , ,		
Validation Date	13 Oct 2025	Overall Expiry Date:	5 Nov 2025
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	30 Oct 2025
Target Date:	8 Dec 2025	Recommending Officer Signature:	Irene Fletcher

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	0
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Signed and Agreed By:	Beth Howland-Smith	Date:	7 Nov 2025
Comments:			

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**14 Hill House Close, Turners Hill, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 4YY, ,
Oak - fell
Kevin Groves**

Permission is sought for the works as described.

The tree is a mature specimen with veteran features, located in the rear garden. It grows in close proximity to the property.

The tree officer carried out a pre application visit and advised that a tomograph survey be carried out to justify any potential removal of the tree.

This has now been submitted as part of the application and, whilst removal of the tree is not recommended, it is advised that there is either an option to reduce the tree slightly, or remove it. If the tree is retained, then it is recommended that it be subject of continual monitoring.

Among other things, it notes a column of advanced decay. The decay has not compartmentalised. The tree only has moderate vitality, indicating that it will continue to deteriorate.

On balance, due to the proximity to the property, and the risk to garden users, as well as the scale of the tree itself, it is considered that the risk of harm from the tree outweigh the benefits of retaining it.

Whilst its loss is highly regrettable, permission is recommended.

Decision: Permission

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher