

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/25/1501	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	G1 x7 Ash trees in a cluster, overhanging road and phone lines - remove to ground level. G2 x5 Sycamore trees - crown reduce by 2 meters.		
Site:	Hammonds Barn, London Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 9QJ, , ,		
Validation Date	10 Jun 2025	Overall Expiry Date:	3 Jul 2025
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	23 Jul 2025
Target Date:	5 Aug 2025	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:	7 Aug 2025
Comments:			

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

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C/o Agent**

Permission is sought for the works as described.

The trees are semi mature and older specimens. Due to growing in close proximity with each other and their position adjacent to the highway, they have few lateral branches. All show significant symptoms of ash die back disease.

Group G1, directly adjacent to the road and power lines are the worst affected and are considered to be a risk to highway users. They appear to be self sown specimens and possibly not seven, separate specimens, as some appear to be multi stemmed.

Group G2 are more mature specimens and are not so severely infected. They grow directly to the rear of the younger ones. It is hoped that the pruning may encourage some lateral growth and provide greater stability to the trees, which, it is hoped, will survive and continue to show some resistance.

With regard to the town council comments, the trees are clearly diseased and dangerous and, in this case, a tree report is not required.

A representation of support has also been received ; the trees are too big, overhanging and dangerous and need to be ' sorted out '.

In this case, due to the lack of space for trees to develop and proximity to the highway, three replacement trees will be required by condition.

Permission is recommended.

Decision: Permission

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher