

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/1138	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	Lime Tree - Reduce in height to lowest, live growth, approx 30cms above hedge line.		
Site:	5 Lucas Grange, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 1JS, , , ,		
Validation Date	6 May 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	28 May 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	26 May 2026
Target Date:	1 Jul 2026	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:	2 Jun 2026
Comments:			

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Mr David Kaye**

Permission is sought for the works as described.

The application has been amended to reduce the tree to hedge height, just above the lowest, live growth, in the hope that it will recover, rather than to fell completely. This will remove any risk from the tree and may allow it to recover.

The tree is located along the rear boundary of the property, adjacent to a public footpath. Around 30 - 40% of the crown is dead, but it is difficult to assess the reason.

There are no fruiting bodies, decay or other signs of disease present. However, the tree is clearly in decline and it does not appear that it will recover.

The main issue is that of public safety. Twigs and larger pieces of wood are dropping on the footpath and the garden. Whilst these are dead, they would cause harm to passing traffic and garden users, and the path is well used by leisure centre and play park users.

Permission is recommended.

Decision: Permission

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher