

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/1111	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	Holly Tree - Fell. Conifer - Fell.		
Site:	Footpath Rear Of 208 To 214, The Welkin, Lindfield, West Sussex, , , ,		
Validation Date	5 May 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	27 May 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Refusal	Recommendation Date:	2 Jun 2026
Target Date:	30 Jun 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:	3 Jun 2026
Comments:			

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

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**Footpath Rear Of 208 To 214, The Welkin, Lindfield, West Sussex, , ,
Holly Tree - Fell. Conifer - Fell.
Miss Victoria Webber**

Permission is sought for the works as described.

The conifer is located just outside the rear boundary of property. It is a mature Scots pine. It is protected by an individual Order, whilst the holly is protected as part of a group Order. Both, along with numerous other trees, provide a separation between residential gardens and the adjacent public footpath. There are also some mature oaks and pines within residential gardens. They are a distinctive part of the area and provide a transition to the fields on the other side of the footpath from The Welkin development.

The holly was an understorey plant originally, and has become rather over extended. Pruning would allow the plant to establish better form, however, its complete removal would detract from the area.

The Scots pine is a landmark tree and reasons for removal include needle and cone drop, loss of view, loss of sunlight, having to clear up debris which doesn't belong to the house owner and a branch has fallen from the tree, which could be dangerous.

The tree appears to be healthy and no tree report has been received. The above are not valid reasons for the felling of a TPO tree.

Refusal is recommended, although an informative will be attached to the effect that some tree pruning may be acceptable.

Decision: Refusal

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher