

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/0467	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	Trees in hedge line - Sycamore Trees - reduce to approx 2 - 3m, to hedge line. Holly Tree - reduce by 5m. Oak Tree - reduce branches overhanging Sugar Lane, 2 lowest limbs. Damaged limb growing towards 14 Boxes Lane , reduce by 5m; other growth, reduce by approx 2 - 3m.		
Site:	Woodland Adjoining, Sugar Lane Opposite Boxes Farm, Horsted Keynes, West Sussex, , , ,		
Validation Date	4 Mar 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	25 Mar 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	29 Apr 2026
Target Date:	29 Apr 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:	29 Apr 2026
Comments:			

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Mr Tim Griffiths**

Permission is sought for the works as described.

This application has been amended to more accurately reflect the works and remove reference to felling the holly.

The lane is characterised by overhanging trees and hedges, contributing greatly to its green and rural nature.

Works are required in the interests of highway safety, however, an email has been received on behalf of WSCC highways authority, advising that the works are in excess of what they have requested.

A meeting has been held with the applicant, and the trees were looked at in detail. They are located on a raised bank adjacent to the highway and most have sustained significant damage from passing vehicles. The sycamore are multi stemmed, poor specimens, and, whilst they contribute to the character of the area, erosion to the bank and multiple defects, does make them a risk.

The works, as now proposed, are considered appropriate to address highway clearance issues and, whilst the heavy reduction of the sycamores will impact the character of the lane, it is considered that they will reduce the chance of accidents/bank slippage, due to the weight of the trees. There are other, mature trees behind, and they will also allow better trees to flourish.

Permission is recommended.

Decision: Permission

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher