

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/25/2086	Case Officer:	Emma Rivett
Application Type:	Trees in a Conservation Area		
Proposal:	Oak 2 - Retrenchment pruning to reduce risk of limb failure and to encourage growth to lower part of crown. Oak 3 - Reduce crown to southern side by 3m as tree is leaning and branches are overhanging a public footpath are now too low.		
Site:	The Old Vicarage, High Street, Cuckfield, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH17 5JX, ,		
Validation Date	20 Aug 2025	Overall Expiry Date:	11 Sep 2025
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	No Objection	Recommendation Date:	15 Sep 2025
Target Date:	1 Oct 2025	Recommending Officer Signature:	Emma Rivett

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	0
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Signed and Agreed By:	Beth Howland-Smith	Date:	26 Sep 2025
Comments:			

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Tim Howell**

The proposed work is as described.

It should be noted that the description has been changed as T1 oak needed more immediate work as the root plate was lifting and this was dealt under a 5-day notice.

T2 Oak -This tree is in the back garden of the property and is an over mature tree. There is a considerable amount of deadwood, and the proposed retrenchment pruning would make the tree more stable without removing the ecological value and may encourage regeneration in the lower crown. This would make it less likely to fail as there is a garden pathway underneath the tree. This would be good management for the tree.

T3 - Oak - This tree is also in the back garden of the property but this one overhangs the public footpath adjacent to the garden. The proposed work would raise the lowest branches which would prevent anyone encountering them when using the footpath. This would be good practice to allow safe use of the footpath.

No objection is recommended.

Decision: No Objection

Case Officer: Emma Rivett