

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/26/1905	Case Officer:	Emma Rivett - Ex MSDC
Application Type:	Trees in a Conservation Area		
Proposal:	Cherry Tree (OUB0) - remove to ground level. Willow Tree (OUB2) - reduce crown back to previous points, 3m. Birch Tree (OUB4 - lift crown away from wall and road sign, reduce to within the property boundary no more than 2m. Ash trees (OUBC) and (OUBT) - remove to ground level and grind out stump.		
Site:	Hambrook School, Marle Place, 171 Leylands Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 8HY, ,		
Validation Date	31 Jul 2026	Overall Expiry Date:	24 Aug 2026
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	No Objection	Recommendation Date:	19 Aug 2026
Target Date:	11 Sep 2026	Recommending Officer Signature:	Emma Rivett - Ex MSDC

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	0
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Signed and Agreed By:	Stephen Ashdown	Date:	27 Aug 2026
Comments:			

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Mr Dominic Fairhurst

The proposed work is as described.

The cherry tree (OUB0) is in the front garden of the school and has very limited views from the public realm, due to the presence of other vegetation. It is in decline and much of the crown has already died back. Felling this tree would make it safer, especially given that the tree is in the grounds of a school.

The willow tree (OUB2) is on the boundary fenceline of the front garden of the school and overhangs the adjacent property. It has been pruned back before, and the proposed work would not take it back beyond previous cut points. This would be good management for this tree and would not be of detriment to the health of this tree.

The birch (OUB4) is growing against the retaining wall at the front of the school and is visible from the public realm. It is growing over a road sign, and the proposed work would make the road sign more visible and be generally good maintenance for this tree, as it is also growing towards some overhead powerlines also.

The ash (OUBT) is growing in the front garden of the school. It is a multistemmed specimen with some included bark in the main stem. There is also evidence of Ash Dieback Disease. It is in the school garden and overhangs the road and pavement. Given the defects it has, it would not be a suitable candidate for TPO, as the included bark, and the fact the tree is not showing any signs of natural bracing, means that it could split out if under pressure. The only safe option for this tree in its situation would be to fell it.

The ash (OUBC) is a small ash in the back garden of the school. It is not visible from the public realm due to the presence of other trees. It would not be suitable for TPO.

With regard to the town council comments, in this case, it falls only to be considered whether the trees are suitable for TPO. As discussed, above, they are not.

No objection is recommended.

Decision: No Objection

Case Officer: Emma Rivett - Ex MSDC