

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/25/1073	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	Chestnut (T1) - Thin Canopy by 20%. Birch (T2) - Fell. Leylandii (T3) - Reduce height by approx 3 metres to leave a height of 7 metres.		
Site:	Flat 1, Tobias Place, Coombe Hill Road, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 4LZ, ,		
Validation Date	23 Apr 2025	Overall Expiry Date:	16 May 2025
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	19 May 2025
Target Date:	18 Jun 2025	Recommending Officer Signature:	Irene Fletcher

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	2
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Signed and Agreed By:	Beth Howland-Smith	Date:	3 Jun 2025
Comments:			

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Permission is sought for the works as described.

The trees are located in a communal garden area, with Dunnings Road on the other side. Public visibility is limited due to a small tree belt separating residential land from the road. Properties in Tobias Place are arranged in a semi circle, with communal space either side.

The chestnut is a semi mature specimen and has previously been reduced. The thinning will address the regrowth issues and allow more air and light to filter through. There will be no impact on the amenity value of the tree. The birch is a mature specimen which is in decline. It is badly drawn and the crown is about 30% dead. The tree will not recover and, subject to replacement, its removal is supported. the leylandii (actually a cupressus) is a mature specimen and considerably blocks the light from the amenity space and shades the rear of properties. Whilst the works will not enhance the tree, nevertheless, there are extremely limited views of the tree and works will not unduly impact on its health.

Two representations of support have been received, making the following points :

- when we first moved to the site in 2017, this area was lovely and bright during the summer, now it is cold and dark and this adversely affects those living in the ground floor flats which face the garden
- would immeasurably improve people's lives to return to the previous light levels and make the garden a pleasant, useable space again.

Permission is recommended.

Decision: Permission

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher