

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/25/2770	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	Removal of mature Beech tree.		
Site:	1 Spring Gardens, Copthorne, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 3RS, , ,		
Validation Date	28 Oct 2025	Overall Expiry Date:	19 Nov 2025
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	3 Dec 2025
Target Date:	23 Dec 2025	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:	4 Dec 2025
Comments:			

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**1 Spring Gardens, Copthorne, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 3RS, ,
Removal of mature Beech tree.
Mrs Christine Wheatley**

Permission is sought for the works as described.

The tree is a late mature specimen, and appears to be an ancient coppice, which has never been recoppiced. It is highly visible from the road, and is located in fairly close proximity to the bungalow.

The reasons for the removal of the tree are included unions, the lean towards the property and damage/decay to a buttress root. The tree officer also observed substantial crown die back and some root movement, although this is difficult to quantify due to the presence of other mature trees on the site.

It is not considered that work could be carried out to the tree which would remedy the situation. Little regrowth/regeneration is likely from a heavy reduction, all the weight is at the top of the tree and the risk from extremely heavy, individual stems remains.

Permission is recommended.

Decision: Permission

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher