

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/25/2858	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	English Oak - remove		
Site:	53 Bridgelands, Copthorne, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 3QW, , ,		
Validation Date	6 Nov 2025	Overall Expiry Date:	1 Dec 2025
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	4 Dec 2025
Target Date:	1 Jan 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:	4 Dec 2025
Comments:			

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**53 Bridgelands, Copthorne, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 3QW, ,
English Oak - remove
Mrs Kirsty Gifford**

Permission is sought for the works as described.

The tree is located in the rear garden and has some public visibility. It is a mature specimen, which has been heavily pruned in the past. It grows adjacent to a patio area.

Whilst the tree does not lean towards the property, it has a heavy lean towards the rear of the garden. The tree surgeon's reason for removal include :

- previous heavy pollarding has led to structurally compromised regrowth and several limbs have snapped out at the knuckle due to weak attachment points

- Ganoderma brackets are visible, indicating internal decay

- the tree grows in a high target area, with a heavily used patio area below

The tree officer was able to observe all of these defects and some recently broken limbs. There is also significant squirrel damage to the tree. Whilst it is possible that the tree may be retained with appropriate pruning, its high target area remains a concern, as does basal decay, which is likely, due to the presence of the brackets.

On balance, permission is recommended.

Decision: Permission

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher