RM TREE SURGERY & GARDEN SERVICES

TREE WORKS APPLICATION — SAXON HILL

Site: Saxon Hill, The Street, Thakeham, Pulborough, RH20 3EP
Proposal: Maintenance works to three trees (T1–T3)
Date: 29 October 2026

Purpose of application

Permission is sought for the following tree works, identified on the accompanying annotated aerial site plan. The proposals combine ongoing management of established trees with removal of a self-seeded specimen to allow reinstatement of an existing planting bed.

T1 — Sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus) — front garden, right-hand side

Proposed work: Fell to ground level. The sycamore is understood to be self-seeded and is considered to provide limited amenity value in its current position. Its removal would allow the property owner to re-establish and manage the front garden planting bed. Stump treatment or grinding, if required, is subject to agreement and relevant permissions.

T2 — Horse chestnut (Aesculus hippocastanum) — front garden, left-hand side

Proposed work: Sympathetically reduce the lateral extent of the branches overhanging the property by up to **2 metres**, aiming to achieve clearance back towards the boundary while retaining a natural canopy form. Pruning cuts will be selected with regard to suitable growth points and good arboricultural practice; the precise final clearance will depend on branch structure.

T3 — Oak (Quercus species) — rear garden

Proposed work: Re-pollard / prune back to the established previous pruning points, last attended approximately five years ago. This is intended as cyclical maintenance consistent with the tree's previous management. The extent and suitability of cuts should be confirmed on site before work commences.

Workmanship and justification

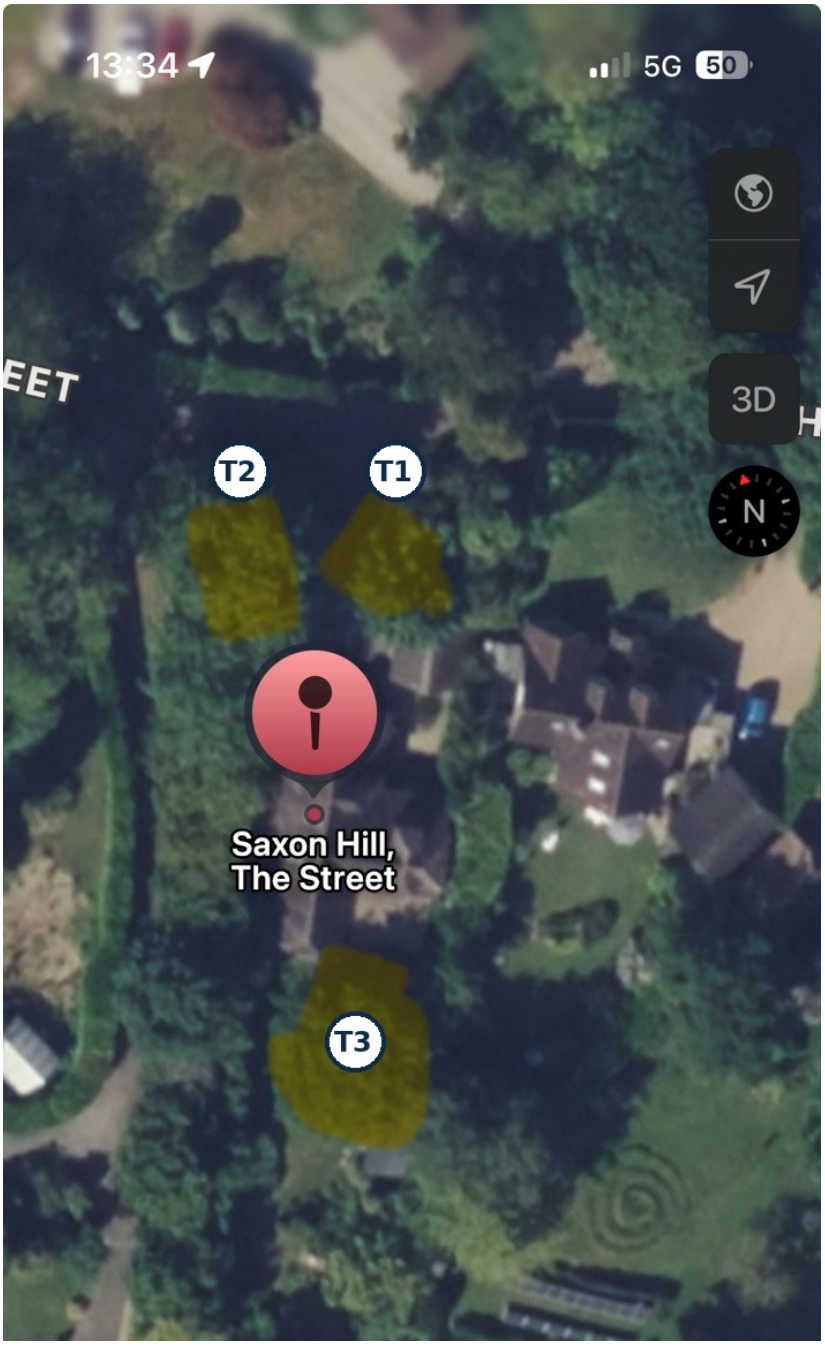
All pruning will be carried out by competent arborists with reference to BS 3998:2010 Tree Work – Recommendations, taking account of tree condition, retained growth and long-term management. The proposed works are intended to maintain suitable clearances, manage canopy development and improve the usability of the front garden while retaining the established horse chestnut and oak.

Note: Tree locations are interpreted from the yellow-highlighted areas supplied by the applicant. Species, exact ownership, protection status and the previous oak pruning points should be confirmed before submission or commencement. No works will take place until any necessary consent has been obtained.

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ANNOTATED AERIAL SITE PLAN

Saxon Hill, The Street, Thakeham, RH20 3EP. Indicative locations based on applicant-provided aerial image; not to scale.

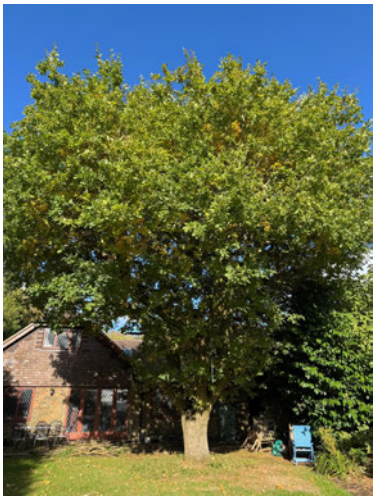


Key: T1 — Sycamore: fell to ground level; T2 — Horse chestnut: lateral reduction up to 2 m; T3 — Oak: return to previous pruning points.

SUPPORTING TREE PHOTOGRAPHS



T2 — Horse chestnut overhanging boundary



T3 — Oak tree, previously managed



T1 — Sycamore near front garden / outbuilding