

From: Havant Civic Society

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To: Stewart, Maria

Subject: APP/20/00839 | 3No Ash (T2, 3 and 4) crown lift all round to provide 3 metre ground level clearance. 1No Wingnut (T10) crown lift all round to provide 4 metre ground level clearance. Fell 1No Willow (T11). 3No Lime (T18, 22 and 23) crown lift on South ...

I am writing on behalf of Havant Civic Society to express our concern about this application. Whilst at first glance it appears a fairly straightforward one, there is in fact a much wider and bigger context, within which it needs to be considered.

Last year Portsmouth Water Company disclosed their plans to build a new head office and a small industrial estate both having access to and from Solent Road, via the, already heavily used, entrance to the Bosmere Medical Practice. In addition the draft Havant Borough Local Plan 2036 includes a proposal for 135 houses on the Portsmouth Water Headquarters site under the heading H17. The timetable for the Local Plan is behind schedule and it has yet to be analysed and approved by the Planning Inspector.

Both of these proposals are going to put a great strain on the surrounding roads that are already heavily used, whilst at the same time reducing the amount of green space that the site provides. Remove that and Havant Park will be the only significant space remaining in and around the town centre.

Our view, therefore, is that this application should not be considered *in isolation* but as part of an overall *consultation* that includes both the proposed relocation of the head office building, *the development of the industrial units* and the proposal for 135 homes elsewhere on the site. Only then can the viability of *both* schemes be realistically considered and in the meantime, the possibly unnecessary tree work, listed in the present application, has been avoided.

Regards,
HCS committee member - planning.