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Land at 1, Brookfield Close, Havant

TREE ASSESSMENT

The site has a single **alder buckthorn tree (*Frangula alnus*)** located to its western most side, with this having an overall height of circa 4 metres: it has an ill-formed, somewhat rambling canopy, and is roughly as wide as it is tall. It is sited within the existing residential curtilage, behind a hedge of approximately 1.2 to 1.5 metres in height, and, as such, its worth to the public realm, and wider streetscene is very limited (particularly so when bearing in mind that significant tree belts exist within very close proximity – as shown on the extreme left hand side of the image below).

It is currently subject to considerable shade, and is further constrained by competing vegetation, the proximity of hardstanding and outbuildings, along with a significant levels change adjacent to its root system. It is not afforded the protection of a Tree Preservation Order, and the site is not within a Conservation Area.

As such, its longevity is already doubtful, and it has probably already attained (and indeed passed) its full maturity, and must, therefore, be accorded a '**C**' **category** status, thereby negating any desire to ensure its retention.



The tree

The proposal would see the loss of this single alder buckthorn tree, and – as per good planning – we would seek to replace it on a two-for-one basis with a more appropriate (and native) species elsewhere within the soon-to-be-created plot.

As such, the removal of this small tree ought not to prevent the bringing forward of this scheme.

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