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Dear Mr Gargett,

Application for works on the three beech trees at the south western corner of the northern (Leigh Road) carpark at Havant railway station TPO number 1557, Havant Borough Council.

1. This application is made by Iain Waddell of Martin Dobson Associates on behalf of Shane Coombes of Coombes UK.
2. I attach this document to support the application to carry out works on the three trees pictured below at the right of the photograph which are numbered T1, T2 and T3 on the site plan at **Appendix 1**.

Figure 1. Three beech trees in Havant station carpark.



3. Shane Coombes of Coombes UK met with Jamie Gargett of Havant Borough Council on 13th January 2016 at this site to discuss the proposed tree works detailed in this report.
4. The works are required for the following reasons:
 - a) To increase clearance between the limbs of all three trees and a BT pole and cables situated on the western side of the trees. This will prevent damage being caused by trees to the infrastructure. Several limbs are currently interfering with the cable and pose a high risk of damaging it in adverse weather conditions. As the trees continue to grow this risk will increase.
 - b) To increase clearance above carpark on western side of trees to allow large vehicles to access this area and also to reduce risk posed by one long, heavy limb on T3 which currently overhangs parking spaces (this is shown in Figure 3.).
 - c) To increase clearance between the branches of T3 and the small building shown in Figure 2. The close proximity of branches to this at present is hazardous as there is a risk that the building may be damaged by the tree in adverse weather conditions. This risk will increase as the tree continues to grow larger if left unchecked. This risk will also increase when the tree is in leaf as the limbs will be weighed down and come into closer proximity with the structure.
 - d) To increase clearance between the branches of T2 and T3 and a tall mast on their eastern side. As the branches grow they will pose a risk of causing damage to the mast.
5. The proposed works entail pruning to create 1.5m clearance between the tree branches and the BT cables on the western side whilst retaining the overall shape of the trees. It will therefore not have a significant detrimental effect on their aesthetics.
6. It is proposed to carry out a crown raising procedure on T3 to create 2m clearance from the building (Figure 2.) and also to remove a long limb overhanging the carpark (Figure 3.).

Figure 2. Close proximity of branches of T3 to building.

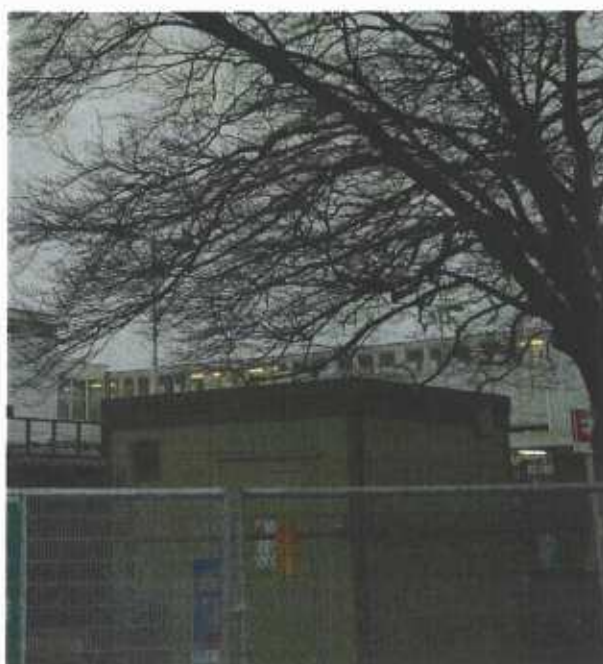


Figure 3. Long low limb of T3 overhanging parking spaces (lowest limb shown) for removal.



7. In order to create 2m clearance between T2 and T3 and the mast (Figure 4) it is proposed to prune 1.5 – 2m from the limbs on the eastern side.

Figure 4. T2 and T3 in close proximity to mast.



8. In order to retain as much of the natural form and striking aesthetics of these trees as possible, it is suggested that a subtle crown reduction is carried out throughout the eastern side of T2 and T3 (approx. 1-2m length removed from branches).
9. As the three trees are all of similar age and size, growing in close proximity to each other it is recommended that T1 also undergoes a 1-2 m reduction on the north eastern side in keeping with that of T2 and T3. This will preserve the aesthetic appeal of the stand of trees as a whole.
10. It is also recommended that as part of good arboricultural practice, removal of deadwood within the crowns will be undertaken as part of these works.
11. It is my opinion that these works are necessary for risk management as part of responsible tree ownership and for preservation of the aesthetics of these trees.

I trust this report provides you the necessary information regarding the proposed works. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me,

Kind regards,

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Appendix 1

Site plan of the locations of the four trees covered by TPO number 1557.

