

TREE STATEMENT

**Garage extension, revised fenestration, render to elevations, removal of chimney and removal of pedestrian gate entrance to south elevation.
and additional landscaping alterations**

to

34 Manor Close, Havant. PO9 1BD

App Ref: APP/25/00327

Introduction

This statement supports the application for planning permission to remove specific overgrown and neglected trees as T1, T2 and T3 as indicated on plan EX_01. The condition of the trees has raised concerns regarding safety, property maintenance, loss of light to both the dwelling and garden and to the ecological balance.

1. Current Condition of Trees

- **Overgrowth:** The identified trees have exhibited significant overgrowth with limited maintenance, which has obstructed natural light and hindered the growth of smaller plants and shrubs in the understory.
- **Neglect:** Many trees appear to have been neglected, showing signs of unbalanced growth, which could result in potential hazards, including falling branches.

2. Safety Concerns

- **Risk of Injury:** Some overgrown branches pose a risk to pedestrians and property. During severe weather conditions, the likelihood of branches breaking and causing injury or property damage increases significantly.
- **Maintenance:** Due the height of some of the trees it is difficult to obtain access for pruning maintenance and raises possible concerns with safety of when carrying out regular maintenance.

3. Ecological Impact

- **Evaluate Biodiversity:** Removal of these neglected trees will allow for the re-establishment of alternative species which are better suited to the local environment and allowing for improvements to the properties garden.

- **Planting Alternatives:** The removal will create opportunities to plant new, healthy shrubs, plants and trees that contribute positively to biodiversity, improve aesthetics, and enhance overall environmental health.

4. Land Use and Future Planning

- **Improved Land Use:** The removal of these trees will facilitate improvements to the garden providing improved light, space and better use of the borders to ensure that surrounding areas remain safe and functional.
- **Sustainability Measures:** The applicant proposes to replace the removed trees with similar shrubs suitable for the dwelling but retaining the growth height to a more suitable level at around 2-3m in height which will allow for soft landscaping and screening along with light to lower borders. The removal will also provide more natural daylight to the house and garden. Regular maintenance will also be safer and more accessible by retaining the future shrubs to a lower height and depth.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, we respectfully request planning permission for the removal of the overgrown and neglected trees at 34 Manor Close, Havant. This action is deemed necessary to enhance safety, ensure ecological balance, and facilitate improvements to the dwelling and garden area.

We appreciate your consideration of this application and welcome any further discussion or questions regarding our request.