DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	**T1 (Oak) - Remove two lower branches back to main stem and reduce back canopy extending east toward dwelling to give no more than 4m clearance between building and branch extremities, subject to TPO 2086 (T7); and T2 (Oak) - Cut back canopy of tree extending (north) toward dwelling by no more than 3m, subject to TPO 1923.**
LOCATION:	5 Cornflower Meadow, Emsworth, PO10 7FR
REFERENCE NO:	APP/25/00896
APPLICANT:	Mr Barry
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	19/11/2025
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	04/12/2025
WARD:	Emsworth
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION: Approve with Conditions	

1. Site Description

5 Cornflower Meadow, Emsworth, PO10 7FR

2. Planning History

3. Proposal

T1 (Oak) - Remove two lower branches back to main stem and reduce back canopy extending east toward dwelling to give no more than 4m clearance between building and branch extremities, subject to TPO 2086 (T7); and T2 (Oak) - Cut back canopy of tree extending (north) toward dwelling by no more than 3m, subject to TPO 1923.

4. Policy Considerations

National Planning Policy Framework

Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) March 2011
DM8 (Conservation, Protection and Enhancement of Existing Natural Features

Havant Borough Local Plan (Allocations) July 2014

5. Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

6. Publicity and Community Involvement

This application was publicised in accordance with the Council's Local Code of Corporate Governance and the Statement of Community Involvement.

7 Planning Considerations

7.1 Having regard to the relevant policies of the development plan it is considered that the main issues arising from this application are:

Whether the degree of pruning works requested would undermine the amenity value of these trees and whether this could also be harmful to their ongoing health and vitality.

7.2 My recommendation relates specifically to assessing the proposed works rather than generally considering the tree's health and condition in any great detail and deals with the relevant issues that have been raised on site and in the application form. The recommendation made within this application is formed from a desktop based examination in line with BS 3998.

7.3 The works applied for in this application are considered reasonable management for this tree in its location and should not detriment either the health or the public amenity offered.

8 Conclusion

Approve with Conditions.

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9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Place be authorised to Approve with Conditions application APP/25/00896

Conditions:

1	The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall not be carried out otherwise than in full accordance with all relevant content of BS 3998 (2010). Reason: In the interests of tree health and safety.
2	The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than one year from the date of this decision notice. Reason: To control the timing of the works