DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	**1 No. Silver Birch (T1) - Crown Reduction: Reduce Northern aspect by 3m (to leave 5m), reduce Southern aspect by 2m (to leave 2m), reduce lower Western aspect by 4m and upper aspect by 2m (to leave 4m), reduce Eastern upper aspect by 4m (to leave 4m). Crown height reduction by 3m (to leave 12m). No cuts greater than 75mm diameter. Tree subject to TPO 1769.**
LOCATION:	34 Woodlands Avenue, Emsworth, PO10 7QE
REFERENCE NO:	APP/25/00875
APPLICANT:	Mr Ian Frogley
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	11/12/2025
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	18/12/2025
WARD:	Emsworth
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION: Refuse	

1. Site Description

34 Woodlands Avenue, Emsworth, PO10 7QE

2. Planning History

3. Proposal

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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 inspection related specifically to assessing the proposed works rather than generally inspecting the tree's health and condition in any great detail. I visually inspected the tree from ground level and the following report deals with the relevant issues that have been raised on site, in the application form and from my site observations.

7.3 The works applied for are considered to be unacceptable management as the tree is not impacting on any built structures or significantly affecting the garden area. The tree would benefit from crown lifting to highway specifications over the foot path. Should the applied for works be permitted they are likely to negatively affect both the health of the tree and the public amenity value it offers.

7.5 There is no mention or reasoning within the application that the tree is in need of the applied for works due to any concerns relating to safety.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Refuse

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Place be authorised to Refuse application APP/25/00875

Reasons:

1	The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. The proposed works would result in undue loss and detriment to the visual amenities of the locality. It is therefore contrary to policy DM8 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework.