

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	1 No. Beech - Crown Height reduction by 3 metres from 18 metres leaving a finished height of 15 metres. Crown Width Reduction of 2 metres from 15 metres leaving 13 metres. Tree subject to TPO 1324.
LOCATION:	2 Warblington Avenue, Havant, PO9 2SD
REFERENCE NO:	APP/25/00891
APPLICANT:	Steve Cook
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	12/12/2025
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	23/12/2025
WARD:	St Faiths
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	Refuse

1. Site Description

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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 tree subject to this application is a mature Beech tree displaying what appears to be normal vigour and vitality, located in the front garden of a two-storey residential dwelling.

7.4 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 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 (submitted by a tree surgeon) 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/25/00891

