

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	1No Copper Beech (T19). Reduce overall crown height by 2 metres, trim to previous pruning points. Reduce north lateral spread by 3 metres back to original pruning points, east lateral spread by 2 metres to original pruning points, south lateral spread by 3 metres to original pruning points and north west lateral spread by 2.5 metres to original pruning points. Subject to TPO 1060.
LOCATION:	Mill House, 8A Langstone Road, Havant, PO9 1RE
REFERENCE NO:	APP/25/00914
APPLICANT:	Mr Bradley Eccleshare
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	24/12/2025
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	27/01/2026
WARD:	St Faiths
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	Approve with Conditions

1. Site Description

Mill House, 8A Langstone Road, Havant, PO9 1RE

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 visit outside the boundary of the property 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 This tree was previously displaying canopy dieback 6 years ago when the previous application to initially reduce the tree was proposed and agreed, it now appears that there is a stimulated regenerative growth resulting in again what appears to be improved health. The proposed works within this application are considered reasonable and proportionate as they will not exceed the pruning cuts from 6 years ago.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permit

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Place be authorised to Approve with Conditions application APP/25/00914

Conditions:

1	<p>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).</p> <p>Reason: In the interests of tree health and safety.</p>
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2	<p>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.</p> <p>Reason: To control the timing of the works</p>
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