

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	T1 - Common Lime (Tillia x europaea) Crown Reduction by up to 4m to leave a tree of approximately 29m in height and a radial canopy extent of 6m.Crown Raise to 6m. Remove all major deadwood (≥50mm diameter) Chip and remove all arisings. The tree has been previously reduced and the prescribed works are to reflect the previous pruning works. Tree subject to TPO No. 1345 (T1) & 1575 (T2).
LOCATION:	Land at Chester Close, Emsworth, PO10 7LN
REFERENCE NO:	APP/25/00961
APPLICANT:	Mrs Sarah Dennis
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	05/01/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	15/01/2026
WARD:	Emsworth
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	Approve with Conditions

1. Site Description

Land at Chester Close, Emsworth, PO10 7LN

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

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 Lime that has been cyclically pruned to maintain its size in its location, the works applied for are considered reasonable and will take the tree canopy back to the previous reduction.

8 Conclusion

Recommend permission.

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Place be authorised to Approve with Conditions application APP/25/00961

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>
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>