

## DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

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| <b>PROPOSAL</b>                  | <b>Fell 1No. Walnut tree subject to TPO 0758</b> |
| <b>LOCATION:</b>                 | 1 Swallow Close, Havant, PO9 2RA                 |
| <b>REFERENCE NO:</b>             | APP/26/00050                                     |
| <b>APPLICANT:</b>                | Mr A Russell                                     |
| <b>CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:</b> | 18/02/2026                                       |
| <b>APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:</b>  | 20/03/2026                                       |
| <b>WARD:</b>                     | St Faiths                                        |
| <b>SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:</b>   | <b>Approve with Conditions</b>                   |

### 1. Site Description

1 Swallow Close, Havant, PO9 2RA

### 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 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 tree subject to this application is a maturing Walnut that is in considerable decline associated with Honey Fungus and potentially Phytophthora - its removal is justified and a replacement tree will be conditioned.

## **8     Conclusion**

Permit

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## **9.   RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Executive Head of Place be authorised to Approve with Conditions application APP/26/00050

### **Conditions:**

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| 1 | <p>In the first planting season following the date of felling; 1 replacement tree is planted. The tree should be a minimum 1.5 metres tall at the time of planting and should comply with BS3936:Part 1:1992. It should be planted at or near the site of the existing tree. It should also be selected from the following species:</p> <p>1. Field Maple</p> <p>2. Silver Birch</p> |
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|  | <p>or such other size, species, location or period of time as may be agreed in writing with the Council.</p> <p>If within a period of three years any tree planted as a replacement is cut down, felled, uprooted, removed, or die, or becomes in the opinion of the Council seriously damaged or defective:</p> <p>a) the Council shall be notified as soon as is reasonably practicable; and</p> <p>b) another tree of the same species and size shall be planted in the same location at a time agreed in writing with the Council unless the Council agrees to dispense with or vary the requirement.</p> <p>Reason: To conserve and safeguard the visual amenities of the locality.</p> |
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