

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	Fell 1No Ash (T1). Tree within A1 subject to TPO 1005.
LOCATION:	56 Place Crescent, Waterloooville, PO7 5UP
REFERENCE NO:	APP/25/01042
APPLICANT:	Mr Gary Rutter
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	10/02/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	11/03/2026
WARD:	Stakes
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION: Approve with Conditions	

1. Site Description

56 Place Crescent, Waterloooville, PO7 5UP

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 Ash that is displaying significant decline due to Chalara/Ash Dieback and also causing direct damage to an adjacent wall, the tree is considered to be a poor specimen arboriculturally and has a limited life expectancy due to the Chalara present.

In this instance if the tree is removed the wall can be repaired and a new tree planted to ensure there is sustainable tree cover in the area.

8 Conclusion

Permit

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Place be authorised to Approve with Conditions application APP/25/01042

Conditions:

1	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:
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	<p>1. Silver Birch</p> <p>2. Field Maple</p> <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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