

## DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

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| <b>PROPOSAL</b>                                        | <b>1No Horse Chestnut (T1) remove the lowest South facing limb that grows over the garden. Reduce back South and West facing branches that overhang the fence by up to 2 metres, leaving a branch length of 4 metres.</b> |
| <b>LOCATION:</b>                                       | 68 Westbourne Avenue, Emsworth, PO10 7QU                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>REFERENCE NO:</b>                                   | APP/26/00008                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>APPLICANT:</b>                                      | Mr Steven Bransby                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:</b>                       | 24/02/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:</b>                        | 25/03/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>WARD:</b>                                           | Emsworth                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION: Approve with Conditions</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

### 1. Site Description

68 Westbourne Avenue, Emsworth, PO10 7QU

### 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 works applied for in this application appear to be reasonable and in line with common law rights, they are unlikely to detriment the health of the tree or negatively impact on public amenity value.

## **8 Conclusion**

Recommend permit

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## **9. RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Development Manager be authorised to Approve with Conditions application APP/26/00008

### **Conditions:**

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| 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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