DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	**1 No. Common Oak - Crown reduction of 3 No. lateral Branches over conservatory at rear of house by 3.5 metres to provide 5 metres clearance. Existing height of the tree is 14 metres, existing width of the tree is 8 metres. Width to remain following the proposed works is 5 metres. Remove Epicormic Growth up to 5 metres. Tree subject to TPO 0885.**
LOCATION:	5 Balmoral Drive, Waterlooville, PO7 5EL
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00030
APPLICANT:	Mrs Panna Deluchi
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	20/02/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	23/03/2026
WARD:	Purbrook
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION: Approve with Conditions	

1. Site Description

5 Balmoral Drive, Waterlooville, PO7 5EL

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 application submitted is to reduce the lateral aspect branches to allow for clearance over a conservatory and also to give clearance to a building, the works are considered reasonable and will not detriment either the health of the tree or the public amenity value in the area.

8 Conclusion

Recommend permit

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9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Development Manager be authorised to Approve with Conditions application APP/26/00030

Conditions:

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