# DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

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| **PROPOSAL** | **1No Beech (T1) Reduce height by up to 3m back to a suitable cutting point leaving a finished height of approx 16m. Reduce remainder of crown by up to 2.5m all over back to a suitable cutting point, leaving a finished width of approx 10m. Subject to TPO 1824.** |
| **LOCATION:** | 2B St Georges Avenue, Havant, PO9 2RX |
| **REFERENCE NO:** | APP/26/00067 |
| **APPLICANT:** | Mrs Rashid |
| **CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE**: | 25/02/2026 |
| **APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:** | 31/03/2026 |
| **WARD:** | St Faiths |
| **SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION: Refuse** | |

## 1. Site Description

2B St Georges Avenue, Havant, PO9 2RX

## 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 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 Beech in what appears to be good health and no issues highlighted within the application, to reduce this tree would not be of benefit to its health or public amenity vale; it should also be noted that the tree canopy is not in contact with any built structures.

The base of the tree is not visible for inspection and could not be assessed due to the surrounding vegitation.

## 8 Conclusion

Recommend refusal

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## 9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Interim Head of Planning be authorised to Refuse application APP/26/00067

**Conditions:**

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| 1 | The tree subject to this application appears to be in normal condition for the species and age (base not visible to inspect) and the proposed works are conidered to be detrimental to the health of the tree and also they would impact negatively on the public amenity currently offered. It is therefore contrary to policy DM8 of the |

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| | Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework. |