

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	1No. Macrocarpa, remove 3 largest lower lateral limbs leaning towards property, subject to TPO 0973.
LOCATION:	10 Hulbert Road, Bedhampton, Havant, PO9 3TF
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00166
APPLICANT:	Mrs D Gordon
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	31/03/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	04/05/2026
WARD:	Bedhampton
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	Refuse

1. Site Description

10 Hulbert Road, Bedhampton, Havant, PO9 3TF

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 Macrocarpa that has branches that are overhanging the garage at the property, while these require cutting back to abate potential damage to the garage if wind causes contact the works applied for are considered excessive - it must also be noted that the tree is leaning away from the garage and removing the extent of timber applied for will not be mechanically beneficial for the tree, Lesser works would be acceptable.

8 Conclusion

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9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Interim Head of Planning be authorised to Refuse application APP/26/00166

Conditions:

1	The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition other than a number of split and dead branches naturally occurring within the canopy that can be removed under DD exemption. . The proposed works applied for are considered excessive and would result in undue loss and detriment to the visual amenities of the locality, along with excessive weight reduction leaving an unbalance in the crown. [A more appropriate course of action would be through an application for lesser works.] It is therefore contrary to policy DM8 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework.
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