DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	**1No Holm Oak (T1). Reduce the overall crown back to suitable previous pruning points, removing approximately 1.0–1.5m of new growth, ensuring natural form is retained. Northern Aspect: Reduce extended secondary branches by approximately 1.0–1.5m, pruning back to suitable lateral growth points. Eastern Aspect: Reduce extended secondary branches by approximately 1.0–1.5m, ensuring a balanced canopy profile. Southern Aspect: Undertake a reduction of approximately 1.5m to reduce end weight and address existing crown bias, improving structural balance. Western Aspect: Reduce upper canopy by approximately 1m, focusing on secondary growth. Within TPO area, subject to TPO 0088.**
LOCATION:	59 Hollybank Lane, Emsworth, PO10 7UE
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00190
APPLICANT:	Nick
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	22/04/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	13/05/2026
WARD:	Emsworth
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION: Approve with Conditions	

1. Site Description

59 Hollybank Lane, Emsworth, PO10 7UE

2. Planning History

3. Proposal

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Northern Aspect: Reduce extended secondary branches by approximately 1.0–1.5m, pruning back to suitable lateral growth points.
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Southern Aspect: Undertake a reduction of approximately 1.5m to reduce end weight and address existing crown bias, improving structural balance.
Western Aspect: Reduce upper canopy by approximately 1m, focusing on secondary growth. Within TPO area, subject to TPO 0088.

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 are considered reasonable management and well specified by the Agent. These works will be unlikely to negatively affect either the health of the tree or the public amenity offered to the area.

8 Conclusion

Recommend permit

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9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Interim Head of Planning be authorised to Approve with Conditions application APP/26/00190

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