DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	**T1 Oak - Reduce crown height by 4 metres leaving a crown height of 13.5 meters and the spread by 3 metres leaving a crown spread of 10.5 metres this is back to the previous pruning points with a crown lift to 7.5 metres from the ground. Remove all intruding branches from the neighbouring garden (46 St Johns Avenue PO7 5QU) taking the tree back to the boundary wall. Tree Subject to TPO 1029.**
LOCATION:	30 Sandy Brow, Waterlooville, PO7 5JR
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00262
APPLICANT:	Mrs Katie Palmer
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	22/05/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	22/06/2026
WARD:	Purbrook
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION: Refuse	

1. Site Description

30 Sandy Brow, Waterlooville, PO7 5JR

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 Reason for works is that acorns fall from the tree in the garden where children play – this is a natural result of living with an Oak tree and not considered reasonable to reduce the tree where by its public amenity value and health will be negatively affected. The Council would support an application for lesser works in the form of a lateral reduction will also abate some of the acorn fall into the garden while not negatively impacting on the tree

8 Conclusion

Recommend Refuse

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9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Interim Head of Planning be authorised to Refuse application APP/26/00262

Conditions:

1	The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. The proposed works would result in undue loss and detriment to the visual amenities of the locality. [A more appropriate

	course of action would be through a lateral reduction which would be acceptable under application] It is therefore contrary to policy DM8 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework.