

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	<p>1 No. Oak (<i>Quercus robur</i>), overhanging the adjacent public highway and footpath. Overall crown reduction of up to 3–4 metres, reducing back to previous pruning points. Remove epicormic growth from the main stem and primary scaffold limbs below the crown break to a height of approximately 8 metres above ground level. Remove dead, damaged, crossing, and weakly attached branches throughout the crown. All works to be carried out in accordance with BS3998:2010 Tree subject to TPO 1377.</p>
LOCATION:	40 Maylands Road, Havant, PO9 3NR
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00272
APPLICANT:	Mr Andy Reynolds
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	05/06/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	16/06/2026
WARD:	Bedhampton
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	Approve with Conditions

1. Site Description

40 Maylands Road, Havant, PO9 3NR

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 large mature Oak adjacent to the highway and offering significant presence in the street scene, it is exhibiting signs of pathogenic fungal infection and the recommended works are considered reasonable management in this instance to reduce mechanical stresses on the tree due to its location.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permit

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Interim Head of Planning be authorised to Approve with Conditions application APP/26/00272

Conditions:

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