

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	1 no. Holm Oak - crown height reduction of 1.5 metres leaving a finished height of 12 metres, Crown width reduction of 2 metres leaving a finished width of 11 metres. Tree subject to TPO 0916
LOCATION:	8 My Lords Lane, Hayling Island, PO11 9PW
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00357
APPLICANT:	Mr Beardsley
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	02/07/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	17/07/2026
WARD:	Hayling East
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	Refuse

1. Site Description

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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 Mature Holm Oak situated within the rear garden of a dwelling, the tree has been previously pruned to manage it's size within the location and is now beginning to grow back displaying a pleasant form and offering reasonable public amenity value to the area. The works applied for are considered to be unnecessary at this point as the tree is not detrimental in its relationship to the dwelling or garden area and as such a recommendation to refuse is suggested.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Refuse

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Interim Head of Planning be authorised to Refuse application APP/26/00357

Conditions:

1	The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. No justifiable health and safety concerns have been raised and works applied for are considered to be unnecessary and will impact negatively on the trees public amenity value. 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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