

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	<p>1No Copper Beech (T1) crown reduction of up to approximately 25% (maximum 2–3 metres) on affected aspects of the crown, with works focused on branches overhanging into the rear garden and toward the dwelling. Reduce lateral spread by pruning back to suitable secondary growth points, maintaining the tree’s natural form and structural balance. Additionally, remove dead, damaged, and weakly attached branches throughout the crown, including limbs showing signs of failure.</p> <p>1No Common Beech (T2) crown reduction of up to approximately 20–25% (maximum 2–3 metres) on relevant aspects of the crown to manage excessive spread and overhang into the rear garden. Reduce lateral branches where appropriate by pruning back to suitable secondary growth points, ensuring the tree’s natural shape and structural balance are retained. Remove dead, damaged, and weakly attached branches throughout the crown as a preventative safety measure.</p> <p>Trees subject to TPO 1472</p>
LOCATION:	3 Marrels Wood Gardens, Purbrook, Waterloooville, PO7 5RS
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00301
APPLICANT:	Ms Sally Ashton
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	16/06/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	29/06/2026
WARD:	Purbrook
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION: Approve with Conditions	

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 The trees subject to this application are not visible from the street scene and as such the works applied for will not detriment public amenity value. .

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permit

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Interim Head of Planning be authorised to Approve with Conditions application APP/26/00301

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>