

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	1No. Sycamore reduce by 2m back to previous cuts and raise crown by 4m, subject to TPO 1363
LOCATION:	4 Khandala Gardens, Waterloooville, PO7 5UA
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00416
APPLICANT:	Mrs T Bascombe
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	01/07/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	15/07/2026
WARD:	Stakes
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION: Approve with Conditions	

1. Site Description

4 Khandala Gardens, Waterloooville, PO7 5UA

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 Large mature Sycamore which in reality is the wrong tree in the wrong location due to its size, species and setting. However it does offer high public amenity value to the area and the owners are managing its size with this current application

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permit

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Interim Head of Planning be authorised to Approve with Conditions application APP/26/00416

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>