DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	**No 1. Oak tree - Reduce the lateral spread by approximately 3 metres, leaving a final spread of approximately 10.5 metres. This work would be carried out back to previous pruning points. Undertake a crown lift to 7.5 metres above ground level. Remove the lower overhanging branches extending into the garden of 46 St Johns Avenue. Tree subject to TPO - 1029.**
LOCATION:	30 Sandy Brow, Waterlooville, PO7 5JR
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00450
APPLICANT:	Katie Palmer
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	09/07/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	03/08/2026
WARD:	Purbrook
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION: Approve with Conditions	

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 A mature oak that has been historically pruned, the applied for works will be in line with routine management and will not impact negatively on the health of the tree.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permit

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9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Interim Head of Planning be authorised to Approve with Conditions application APP/26/00450

Conditions:

1	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). Reason: In the interests of tree health and safety.
2	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.

	Reason: To control the timing of the works