

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	1 No. Oak Tree - Crown Height reduction by 2.5 metres leaving a heigh of 19 metres. Crown Width reduction by 2 metres leaving a width of 6 metres. Tree subject to TPO - 0903
LOCATION:	19A Bridefield Crescent, Waterloooville, PO8 8QY
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00521
APPLICANT:	Mr Steve Laming
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	12/08/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	14/09/2026
WARD:	Hart Plain
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 The works applied for are considered to be excessive and detrimental to the health of the tree and the public amenity offered. The proposed works will not manage the residents concerns and suggest alternative works via a new application to crown lift to 4 metres from ground level and a reduction to the adjacent house, to give two metres clearance.

The base of the tree was not possible to view and no health and safety concerns have been raised in this application.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Refuse

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Interim Head of Planning be authorised to Refuse application APP/26/00521

Conditions:

1	The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. The proposed works would result in undue loss and detriment to the visual amenities of the locality. 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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