

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	1 No. Beech Tree - Crown height Reduction by 2.5m leaving a height of 14m and crown width reduction of 2.5m leaving a width of 10m. Tree Subject to TPO 1882
LOCATION:	12 Fourth Avenue, Havant, PO9 2QX
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00460
APPLICANT:	Mr Michael Hart
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	21/07/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	14/08/2026
WARD:	St Faiths
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	Refuse

1. Site Description

12 Fourth Avenue, Havant, PO9 2QX

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 tree subject to this application is a mature Beech, access to the base was not fully achievable due to surrounding garden structures. No health and safety issues have been mentioned within the application and the canopy is not in touch with the neighbouring properties roof, if these works were permitted it would be detrimental to the public amenity offered by the Beech.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Refuse

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Interim Head of Planning be authorised to Refuse application APP/26/00460

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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