

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	No 3. Sycamore: Crown height reduction by 2m leaving a height of 16m. Trees subject to TPO 1755.
LOCATION:	3 Portsdown View, Bedhampton, Havant, PO9 3DQ
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00468
APPLICANT:	Rachel Wingham
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	23/07/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	19/08/2026
WARD:	Bedhampton
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	Refuse

1. Site Description

3 Portsdown View, Bedhampton, Havant, PO9 3DQ

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 Application discussed on site with neighbour and they confirmed that the branches that have previously fallen have all been Deadwood, looking at the tree the crown reduction proposed is not not appropriate management in this instance. What would be appropriate is for a crown clean to include crossing and rubbing branches, along with Deadwood removal and any limbs that are showing a weak union point, the crown reduction proposed is not supported in this application as there seems little to no justification for it.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Refuse

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Interim Head of Planning be authorised to Refuse application APP/26/00468

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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