

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	1No. Oak. Crown height reduction of 2m leaving a height of 19m. Crown width reduction of 2m leaving a width of 17m. Within G2 subject to TPO 0625.
LOCATION:	23 Nutwick Road, Havant, PO9 2UG
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00596
APPLICANT:	Mr Hale
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	11/09/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	13/10/2026
WARD:	St Faiths
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	Refuse

1. Site Description

23 Nutwick Road, Havant, PO9 2UG

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 This is a mature tree located in a rear garden that offers a good degree of public amenity value from two separate public highways. The tree appears to be demonstrating normal vigour and vitality and no health concerns or safety concerns have been raised within this application that has been submitted by a professional tree surgeon. The reason given for works are general maintenance and as such due to the size of the tree and its location not impacting directly on any dwellings these works are considered to be unreasonable in this instance due to a reduction in public amenity value.

8 Conclusion

Recommend refuse.

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Interim Head of Planning be authorised to Refuse application APP/26/00596

Conditions:

1	The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. Its proposed felling 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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