

## DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

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| <b>PROPOSAL</b>                  | <b>1 No - Mature Oak - Crown height reduction of 2m leaving a height of 12m. Crown width reduction of 2m leaving a width of 9m. Crown lift to approximately 3m above ground level, removing selected crossing, congested, damaged or poorly positioned secondary growth while retaining the tree's natural shape. Tree subject to G1 of TPO 0560.</b> |
| <b>LOCATION:</b>                 | 21 Latchmore Gardens, Waterlooville, PO8 8XR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>REFERENCE NO:</b>             | APP/26/00655                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>APPLICANT:</b>                | Mrs amanda Baker                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:</b> | 14/10/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:</b>  | 09/11/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>WARD:</b>                     | Cowplain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:</b>   | <b>Approve with Conditions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

### 1. Site Description

21 Latchmore Gardens, Waterlooville, PO8 8XR

### 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 an application to reduce a mature oak in what appears to be failing condition the canopy is exhibiting reduced vigour and vitality and is very sparse in appearance. There is extensive canopy overhang into an adjacent dwelling and the works applied for are considered to be reasonable for this tree species in its location, however as agreed please remove the 10% thin from the application as this is considered unreasonable due to the reduced density of the crown

**8     Conclusion**

Recommend Permit

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**9.    RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Planning and Growth be authorised to Approve with Conditions application APP/26/00655

**Conditions:**

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| 1 | <p>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).</p> <p>Reason: In the interests of tree health and safety.</p> |
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| 2 | <p>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.</p> <p>Reason: To control the timing of the works</p> |