

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	1 No. Ash - Crown reduction back to previous pruning points from works under previous application APP/22/00214. Tree subject to TPO No. 1614
LOCATION:	4 Treetops Drive, Forest Avenue, Waterloooville, PO8 8JF
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00625
APPLICANT:	Mr David Taylor
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	17/09/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	16/10/2026
WARD:	Cowplain
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 tree subject to this application is a large Sycamore in rear garden. Works for this tree are considered to be excessive and not supported by the owner of the tree and while some works would be considered reasonable such as a reduction to previous pruning points over the neighbour's garden a full crown reduction is not considered beneficial for the tree or the public amenity offered and as such the recommendation is to refuse. No health and safety concerns have been raised relating to this tree whereby a crown reduction would be of benefit.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Refuse

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Planning and Growth be authorised to Refuse application APP/26/00625

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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