

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	1 No. Sycamore (T1) - Crown height reduction of 2m leaving a height of 13m. Crown width reduction of 2m leaving a width of 7m. Trees subject to TPO 1422.
LOCATION:	2 Richmond Gardens, Crofton Close, Waterlooville, PO7 5BJ
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00664
APPLICANT:	Mr Paul Elson
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	07/10/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	11/11/2026
WARD:	Purbrook
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	Approve with Conditions

1. Site Description

2 Richmond Gardens, Crofton Close, Waterlooville, PO7 5BJ

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 medium sized Sycamore tree located adjacent to a cycle and footpath that sits between a number of residential dwellings. The neighbours consider themselves to be affected by the spread of the tree and the pollen it produces with one neighbour having to visit the doctor regularly due to adverse reaction, the tree has historically been maintained by reduction and it is reasonable to continue this process to allow for a harmonious relationship between tree dwelling and residents .

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permit

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Planning and Growth be authorised to Approve with Conditions application APP/26/00664

Conditions:

1	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). Reason: In the interests of tree health and safety.
2	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. Reason: To control the timing of the works

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