

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	3No. Lombardy Poplar. Fell near to ground level. Trees subject to TPO 1506.
LOCATION:	3 Coronation Road, Waterlooville, PO7 7FA
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00602
APPLICANT:	Jordan
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	12/09/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	16/10/2026
WARD:	Waterloo
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION: Approve with Conditions	

1. Site Description

3 Coronation Road, Waterlooville, PO7 7FA

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 evidence presents a **credible and generally robust case** that the Lombardy poplars are contributing to clay shrinkage subsidence affecting 3 Coronation Road. Investigation confirmed shrinkable clay beneath the foundations, moisture depletion within the soil, identified poplar roots below foundation depth, no significant drainage defects, and seasonal movement patterns from crack and level monitoring consistent with vegetation-related subsidence.

Overall, the submission appears to **meet the key requirements of the LTOA Joint Mitigation Protocol**, including site investigation, soil testing, root identification, monitoring data, drainage investigation, and consideration of alternative mitigation measures

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permit

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Planning and Growth be authorised to Approve with Conditions application APP/26/00602

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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