

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	T1 - Sycamore - crown reduce by 2.5M in height and 2M width. Tree subject to TPO 1279
LOCATION:	114 Southleigh Road, Havant, PO9 2PS
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00628
APPLICANT:	Chilcott
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	17/09/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	21/10/2026
WARD:	St Faiths
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	Refuse

1. Site Description

114 Southleigh Road, Havant, PO9 2PS

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 mature sycamore that is not in conflict with the surrounding dwelling and there has not been any justifiable reasoning to support the proposed crown reduction. There is no concern regarding the stability or safety of the tree. Should the works applied for be permitted then they will detriment the public amenity offered by the tree to the local area.

8 Conclusion

Recommend refuse.

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Planning and Growth be authorised to Refuse application APP/26/00628

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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