

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	1 No. Oak (T2) - Crown height reduction of 5m leaving a height of 20m. Crown width reduction of 5m leaving a width of 15m. 1 No. Sycamore (T4) - Crown height reduction of 5m leaving a height of 20m. Crown width reduction of 3m leaving a width of 12m. Trees subject to TPO No. 1279.
LOCATION:	106 Southleigh Road, Havant, PO9 2PS
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00313
APPLICANT:	Mr Kevin Williams
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	13/10/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	17/11/2026
WARD:	St Faiths
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	Approve with Conditions

1. Site Description

106 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 application is to reduce both a oak and also a Sycamore, the works are considered to be reasonable in relation to the oak and its proximity to a built structure and the neighbouring property. With regard to the Sycamore its reduction is considered to be in line with the works to the oak tree and will reduce any likelihood of windthrow due to an increase in canopy sale area once the oak has been pruned. There will be a degree of reduced amenity value following the works, however they will still impact positively on the street scene.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permit

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Planning and Growth be authorised to Approve with Conditions application APP/26/00313

Conditions:

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>
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