

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	No1. Austrian Pine. Crown height reduction by 2.5 metres leaving a height of 12 metres. Crown width reduction by 2 metres leaving a width of 6 metres. Crown raise to 4 metres from the ground. Tree subject to TPO: 1006
LOCATION:	152 London Road, Waterloooville, PO7 5SS
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00583
APPLICANT:	Ian Lee
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	03/09/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	08/10/2026
WARD:	Stakes
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	Refuse

1. Site Description

152 London Road, Waterloooville, PO7 5SS

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 mature Austrian pine, the works proposed to reduce this tree would impact negatively on the public amenity currently offered and potentially the health of the tree by leaving a large pruning wound in the main stem. The proposed works to crown raise by 4 metres would be acceptable if the application were to be resubmitted for these works alone.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Refuse

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Interim Head of Planning be authorised to Refuse application APP/26/00583

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. [A more appropriate course of action would be through a new application for only the crown raise by 4 meters] 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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