

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	1No. Silver Birch (T1) - Crown height reduction by 2.5m leaving a height of 10m. Crown width reduction of 1.5m leaving a width of 6m. Tree Subject to TPO 1222.
LOCATION:	2 Titus Gardens, Waterloooville, PO7 8JT
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00699
APPLICANT:	Mrs. S. Spencer
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	13/10/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	17/11/2026
WARD:	Waterloo
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	Approve with Conditions

1. Site Description

2 Titus Gardens, Waterloooville, PO7 8JT

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 An application to reduce a silver Birch whilst not an ideal species for reduction it is considered in this instance to be reasonable due to the location of the tree and a small bracket fungus noted on the main stem. Should the tree surgeon deem further works to be needed once he undertakes a climbing inspection then these can be considered in a separate application. It is important to note that this is a resubmission following a refusal for felling where no concern was raised over health and safety or the condition of the tree.

8 Conclusion

Recommend permit

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Planning and Growth be authorised to Approve with Conditions application APP/26/00699

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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