

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	1No: Oak tree (<i>Quercus robur</i>) (T1) - Crown width reduction by 2m leaving a width of 7m. Crown lift to 4m from the ground leaving 12m of canopy height. 1No: Oak tree (<i>Quercus robur</i>) (T2) - Crown lift of 3m from the ground leaving 12m of canopy height. Trees subject to TPO 1845
LOCATION:	Grove Apartments, 158A Hart Plain Avenue, Waterlooville
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00678
APPLICANT:	Mr Pete Knight
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	16/10/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	17/11/2026
WARD:	Hart Plain
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	Approve with Conditions

1. Site Description

Grove Apartments, 158A Hart Plain Avenue, Waterlooville

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 trees subject to this application are two mature oak trees. T1 to have a lateral reduction of two metres and a crown lift to 4 metres and T2 to have a crown lift of three metres both trees subject to TPO 1845. These works are considered to be reasonable management for the species within this location and if permitted it is unlikely to negatively impact on either tree health or public amenity offered.

8 Conclusion

Recommend permission

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Planning and Growth be authorised to Approve with Conditions application APP/26/00678

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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