

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	2 No. Sycamore Trees - as identified as T10 and T12 (as shown on sketch plan) under TPO 1381. Reduce crown height and spread by 3metres, returning to previous pruning points, leaving crown height of approximately 5 metres and crown spread of approximately 3m.
LOCATION:	1 Claremont Gardens, Waterlooville, PO7 5LL
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00383
APPLICANT:	Mrs Laura Jones
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	05/10/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	04/11/2026
WARD:	Purbrook
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	Approve with Conditions

1. Site Description

1 Claremont Gardens, Waterlooville, PO7 5LL

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 identified in this application are two mature large sycamores in close proximity to the side of a residential dwelling and in conflict with overhead lines. The works outlined are considered to be reasonable in terms of management due to the location of the trees and their relationship to the building. Reducing the canopies to their previous size is considered to be routine management for these two trees and unlikely to impact significantly to either health or public amenity offered.

8 Conclusion

Recommend permit

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Planning and Growth be authorised to Approve with Conditions application APP/26/00383

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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