

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	T1 - Oak - Crown reduce by 2M overall to previous pruning points, leaving a height of 12M by 9M width, tree subject to TPO 1033 (T2 according to TPO).
LOCATION:	9 Fairlea Road, Emsworth, PO10 7SX
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00692
APPLICANT:	Payne
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	13/10/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	16/11/2026
WARD:	Emsworth
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	Refuse

1. **Site Description**

9 Fairlea Road, Emsworth, PO10 7SX

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 crown reduce the tree by approximately 2 metres overall to previous pruning points, resulting in a final height of 12 metres and a crown spread of 9 metres. No Arboricultural justification has been provided to support the proposed works, and there is no evidence to demonstrate that the tree presents a significant health and safety risk or is causing direct or indirect damage to any built structure or infrastructure. The tree makes a valuable contribution to the character and appearance of the street scene and provides a significant level of public amenity. The proposed reduction would result in a noticeable loss of crown volume and visual presence, adversely affecting the tree's contribution to the local landscape. In the absence of substantiated reasons to justify the extent of the pruning sought, it is considered that the proposed works would have a detrimental impact on the tree's amenity value and would therefore be unjustified.

8 Conclusion

Recommend refuse.

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Planning and Growth be authorised to Refuse application APP/26/00692

Conditions:

1	The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. Its proposed works would result in undue loss and detriment to the visual amenities of the locality. It is therefore contrary to
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	policy DM8 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework.
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