

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	T1 Turkey Oak - Reduce height by 10 meters leaving a remaining height of 14 meters, reduce Northern radial spread by 3.6 meters down from the current 9m leaving 5.4m, East by 0m, South by 5.6m down from the current 14m leaving 8.4m, West by 4.8m down from the current 12m radial spread to 7.2m. Tree subject to TPO 1928.
LOCATION:	Land opposite of 14 Wren Grove, Havant, PO9 5FL
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00612
APPLICANT:	Mr Dan Channon
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	17/09/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	20/10/2026
WARD:	St Faiths
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	Approve with Conditions

1. Site Description

Land opposite of 14 Wren Grove, Havant, PO9 5FL

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 overmature Turkey oak located adjacent to a children's play area. The tree is demonstrating a number of concerning factors in relation to its health and potential for failure and the tree surgeon was given the option to do the works under the DD exemption but chose to use the TPO application route. The works outlined within this application while considered extensive in terms of good arboricultural management are considered to be a necessary step to take in terms of insuring the tree does not fail in the future.

8 Conclusion

Recommend permit

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Planning and Growth be authorised to Approve with Conditions application APP/26/00612

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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