

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	1 No. Oak - Crown Reduction of 2 metres to leave a spread of 18 metres. Removal of dead wood. Tree subject to TPO 1417.
LOCATION:	2 Spencer Road, Emsworth, PO10 7XJ
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00610
APPLICANT:	Mrs Michelle Dellar
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	22/09/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	22/10/2026
WARD:	Emsworth
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	Approve with Conditions

1. Site Description

2 Spencer Road, Emsworth, PO10 7XJ

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 mature oak tree that is displaying reduced vigour and vitality with canopy growth in relation to what would be expected of a tree of this age in this location. The tree is considered to be under stress as it is demonstrating the reduced canopy flush along with a high degree of epicormic growth and the works outlined will manage the size of the tree and its location it is spreading across a number of properties and would benefit from being reduced in size due to its location.

8 Conclusion

Recommend permit

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Planning and Growth be authorised to Approve with Conditions application APP/26/00610

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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