

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	1 No. Common Oak (T1) - Crown reduction of up to 2.0 metres in height and radial spread leaving a crown height of 21 metres and a crown spread of 10.4 metres. Target-prune the eastern fracture stub back to the branch collar, reducing the decayed north-eastern lateral, and remove major deadwood throughout the canopy. Tree subject to TPO No. 1074.
LOCATION:	3 Granville Close, Havant, PO9 2TR
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00614
APPLICANT:	Mr & Mrs Burt
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	22/09/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	21/10/2026
WARD:	St Faiths
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	Approve with Conditions

1. Site Description

3 Granville Close, Havant, PO9 2TR

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 A large common oak located within the rear garden of a residential dwelling. The tree has had a number of large scaffold limbs fail with one concerning large limb recently crashing through a shed. The tree has been inspected and the works outlined in the application are considered to be reasonable, I also noted on site a small beef steak fungus bracket at the base of the tree and previously there has been reported chicken of the woods fungus on the main stem.

8 Conclusion

Recommend permission

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Planning and Growth be authorised to Approve with Conditions application APP/26/00614

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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