

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	1no Lime (T1) - Pollard to finished height of 15m, crown reduced western aspect of the tree to 4m, all other aspects to 5m. Remove secondary and tertiary back to suitable pollard points, crown thin by 15%, crown lift by a distance of 5.5m clearance of the carriageway. Tree subject to TPO 1207
LOCATION:	20 Queens Road, Waterlooville, PO7 7SB
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00512
APPLICANT:	Mr CHRIS FLINT
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	13/10/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	17/11/2026
WARD:	Waterloo
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	Approve with Conditions

1. Site Description

20 Queens Road, Waterlooville, PO7 7SB

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 This application is for an historic pollard that has been allowed to lapse. The works outlined within the brief detail how to repollard the tree at a higher level than historically set and there are a number of potential mechanical weaknesses within the canopy (as with any lapsed pollard). The works if undertaken will allow for the tree to continue to live on for a number of years while reducing the potential for strain on the canopy of the tree.

8 Conclusion

Recommend permit.

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Planning and Growth be authorised to Approve with Conditions application APP/26/00512

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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