

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	1No. Oak Tree (T4) - Crown height reduction of 3m leaving a height of 17m. Crown width reduction of 4m leaving a width of 21m. Tree subject to TPO 1609.
LOCATION:	20 Billett Avenue, Waterlooville, PO7 7SZ
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00681
APPLICANT:	Cribb
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	27/10/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	23/11/2026
WARD:	Waterloo
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	Approve

1. Site Description

20 Billett Avenue, Waterlooville, PO7 7SZ

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 1 x oak tree crown height reduction of three metres and a crown width reduction of four metres. The tree subject to this application has very limited to no public amenity and as such if the works are carried out there will be no detriment to the street scene. The structure of the tree has large overextended scaffolds and the works applied for will reduce the weight on these limbs thus potentially reducing any possible or foreseeable limb shedding.

8 Conclusion

Recommend permit.

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Planning and Growth be authorised to Approve application APP/26/00681

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

