

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	1 No - Oak (T1) - Crown reduce by approx. 2.5m, leaving a finished height of approx. 20m, and a finished width of approx. 16m. Tree subject to TPO 0429.
LOCATION:	22 Oakmont Drive, Waterloooville, PO8 8TH
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00696
APPLICANT:	Mrs Pourelli
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	27/10/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	24/11/2026
WARD:	Hart Plain
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	Refuse

1. **Site Description**

22 Oakmont Drive, Waterloooville, PO8 8TH

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 works applied for in this application to crown lift a mature oak by 2.5 metres. The tree is of a compact size and not in conflict with either the garden area or any built structures, no health and safety concerns have been raised within this application and while on site it was explained to the resident that to cut this tree as per the application it would speed up its growth and give an outcome that would not be beneficial to either tree or owner.

8 Conclusion

Recommend refuse

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Planning and Growth be authorised to Refuse application APP/26/00696

Conditions:

1	The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. the proposed works would result in undue loss and detriment to the visual amenities of the locality. It is therefore contrary to policy DM8 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework.
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