

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	T1 Oak - 3 metre crown reduction back to previous pruning points. Current height 20 metres, finished height 17 metres, current spread 18 metres, finished spread 15 metres. Tree subject to TPO 2050
LOCATION:	31 Selangor Avenue, Emsworth, PO10 7LR
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00711
APPLICANT:	Mr Tom Beeson
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	26/10/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	23/11/2026
WARD:	Emsworth
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	Refuse

1. Site Description

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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 mature oak tree and the applicant wishes to undertaker reduction back to the previous pruning points. Having viewed the tree it is considered that it is not in conflict with either the built structure or garden area of the owner nor is it in conflict with the highway, if any works were undertaken the only benefit would be a crown lift over the grassed area adjacent to the highway. No health and safety concerns have been raised.

8 Conclusion

Recommend refuse.

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Planning and Growth be authorised to Refuse application APP/26/00711

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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