

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT – TREE WORKS

PROPOSAL	1 No. Oak Tree (T1) - Crown height reduction of 2m leaving a height of 10m. Crown width reduction of 2m leaving a width of 8m. Crown lift 6m from the ground. Trees subject to TPO 2032
LOCATION:	33 Oaklands Road, Havant, PO9 2RL
REFERENCE NO:	APP/26/00713
APPLICANT:	Peter Allberry
CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:	19/10/2026
APPLICATION EXPIRY DATE:	23/11/2026
WARD:	St Faiths
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	Refuse

1. **Site Description**

33 Oaklands Road, Havant, PO9 2RL

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 large mature oak tree and the works applied for are a crown width reduction and a crown height reduction in conjunction with a crown lift to six metres from ground. The tree is not in conflict with any built structure or garden area no health and safety reasons have been given for the works and should the works be undertaken then there would be significant detrimental impact on the public community currently offered by the oak tree.

8 Conclusion

Recommend refusal

9. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Planning and Growth be authorised to Refuse application APP/26/00713

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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