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Application	T/25/99591
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Monday 21 July 2025

**The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012
The Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

Application No. T/25/99591

In pursuance of their powers under the above Act and in accordance with your application received on Friday 20 June 2025 the Council, as Local Planning Authority hereby **Refuse Tree Consent For** the following :

Description:	1no. Ash (T1) – Fell. Tree has quite clear signs of Ash dieback with no viable future. No access for MEWP, therefore recommended the tree be removed before it becomes hazardous to climb. Multiple targets beneath including a church & listed wall.
Site:	YEW TREE HOUSE, 4 HATHERELL CLOSE, WEST END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 3LA

For the following reasons:

1 REFUSE: 1no. Ash (T1) – Fell

Reason for refusal: The application states that this tree has clear signs of ash dieback disease and should be removed before it becomes too hazardous to climb. No description of the "clear signs" of ash dieback disease was provided. At the time of the Council inspection (26th June 2025), whilst the crown was less dense and verdant than other ash, these are not characteristic symptoms on their own; other forms of environmental stress including low water availability, heat, soil compaction etc. can cause similar symptoms. There was also insect damage present at the periphery of the crown which could give the impression of dieback.

Current industry best-practice does not recommend the pre-emptive felling of healthy ash trees. The proposed felling would remove the visual amenity currently provided by the tree and has not yet been fully justified.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N Parker", with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Nicholas Parker
Planning Manager

N.B. See Attached Notes