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Application	T/26/100689
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Monday 16 February 2026

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

Application No. T/26/100689

In pursuance of their powers under the above Act and in accordance with your application received on Monday 5 January 2026 the Council, as Local Planning Authority hereby
Refuse Tree Consent For the following :

Description: 1no. Ash (T6) - Crown reduction and topping by approx. 2-2.5m - as indicated in redline in sketch plan - to reduce shading and promote healthy growth. Maintenance.
Site: 5 HAMBLE WOOD, BOTLEY, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 2GX

For the following reasons:

- 1 REFUSE: 1no. Ash (T6) - Crown reduction and topping by approx. 2-2.5m - as indicated in redline in sketch plan
- 2 Reasons for refusal:
 1. The application ash, T6 is an early-mature tree in apparent good health. It provides benefit in terms of public, visual amenity and is an asset to the Botley/Winchester Road Conservation Area. As such, justification to substantially prune a tree should be strong and compelling.
 2. In respect of pruning to relieve shading, no advice has been provided which would explain how shading would be an issue. However it is apparent that there are solar panels now installed to the east-facing roof which will no doubt become shaded by the tree for part of the day. Some shading to the garden and rear-facing rooms is also inevitable. This can be relieved by less-severe pruning e.g. a combination of crownlifting and selective pruning to provide greater separation from the western aspect of the crown from the building.

3. In respect of the proposed pruning being intended to improve tree health, no advice has been provided which would explain why tree health needs to be improved or how pruning will achieve this. The removal of live parts of the tree will only cause it stress, leaving it more susceptible to pests, disease and other forms of environmental stress.

4. The current natural appearance of the tree will be diminished by crown reduction. This would adversely impact on tree health, visual amenity and the character of the Botley/Winchester Road Conservation Area. As such, the application has been refused consent.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N Parker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Nicholas Parker
Planning Manager

N.B. See Attached Notes