

3 Proposal

1No.Thuja (marked as T1 on plan) crown reduction of 2 metres from 13 metres leaving a finished height of 11 metres, reducing the width by 2 metres from 13 metres leaving a finished width of 11 metres back to the previous pruning points.

3No.Thuja (marked as T2, T3 and T4 on the plan) grown together as one. Crown reduction of 2 metres from 12 metres leaving a finished height of 10 metres, reducing the width of the trees by 2 metres from 8 metres leaving a finished width of 6 metres back to the previous pruning points. Within group G1 subject to TPO 0891.

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

Listed Building Grade: Not applicable.

Conservation Area: Not applicable.

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Councillor Charles Robert

Councillor Grainne Rason

Councillor Reuben Mychaleckyj

6 Community Involvement

This application was publicised in accordance with the Council's Code of Practice for Publicity of Planning Applications approved at minute 207/6/92 (as amended), as a result of which the following publicity was undertaken:

Number of neighbour notification letters sent: 12

Number of site notices: Not applicable.

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 0

Comment	Officer Comment

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 the ongoing health and vitality of the trees.

7.2 This report relates specifically to assessing the proposed works rather than generally inspecting the tree's health and condition in any detail.

Thuja T1 stands in the northern garden, and Thujas T2-T4 stand as a co-joined canopy unit in the southern garden of the property. The trees are protected under Tree Preservation Order 0891. The trees are small mature specimens that have been subject to numerous successful tree pruning applications dating back from 1997 to maintain them with compact canopies.

The trees can be viewed or otherwise glimpsed between the building line from the nearby public highways at Kings Road, Western Parade, and the public footpath east of Western Parade. The Thujas provide visual amenity, canopy cover and contribute to the ecosystem services of the area.

7.3 No reasons are offered to justify the tree pruning, but it is evident that the Thujas have been closely managed over the past 27-plus years and continue to provide visual amenity.

The Chichester Harbour Conservancy have raised no objections to the proposed works, and recommend that the works are carried out outside the bird nesting and breeding season, i.e. not within the period beginning of March to the end of August.

The proposed pruning works appear to be reasonable in this case.

7.4 The application form does not offer any concerns over the health and condition of the trees.

8 Conclusion

It is recommended that the works on the trees should be granted consent subject to conditions.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Place be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/24/00426 subject to the following conditions

- 1 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall not be carried out otherwise than in full accordance with all relevant content of BS 3998 (2010).

Reason: In the interests of tree health and safety.

- 2 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than one year from the date of this decision notice.

Reason: To control the timing of the works.