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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

Listed Building Grade: Not applicable.

Conservation Area: Not applicable.

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Councillor Liz Fairhurst - Bedhampton

Councillor Michael Lind

Councillor Phillipa Gray

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: 16

Number of site notices: At least one site notice exists - check the number.

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

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I have no objections other than a council officer check the work being done , the historic hedge which was under an order not to be removed has already been ripped out. Trees and hedges should be treated with care.	

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 this tree and whether this could also be harmful to the ongoing health and vitality of the tree.

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

7.3 T1 is an open grown oak in the rear garden of the property.

7.4 The tree provides visual amenity: it is visible from three local roads. It appears to be in good health and contributes to the ecosystem services of the area.

7.5 The reasons proposed for the pruning works are to maintain reasonable clearance to the property. Only the southern edge of the canopy is close to the rear of No 4 Doyle Close, so the works on this aspect are reasonable. The remaining works detail the loss of a large amount of canopy volume and this will be detrimental to the long term health and viability of the tree, especially as there has been recent building works to the north of it within recent decades. It also indicates only 4 total branches would be shortened: this would leave an irregular canopy and potentially open unpruned branches to unaccustomed wind forces.

7.6 The application form does not offer any concerns over the health and condition of the tree.

7.7 The tree has clearly been retained through development: the pressure for ongoing pruning is foreseeable and could result in significant loss of amenity

over time if consents are given for excessive works.

- 7.8 The proposed works would have a detrimental impact on the amenity value of the area, and wildlife, and would not be in accordance with Policy CS16 and DM8.1 of the Core Strategy (2011).

8 **Conclusion**

It is recommended that the Council issues a split decision

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Executive Head of Place be authorised to **REFUSE TPO CONSENT** for works to T1 1No Oak (T1) reduce Eastern branch by 2 metres, leaving a branch length of 5 metres; Southern branch to be reduced by 3 metres, leaving a branch length of 5 metres; Western branch to be reduced by 1 metres, leaving a branch length of 5 metres.

1. The tree is an important feature in the local landscape and appears to be in good physiological and structural condition. The proposed works would result in undue loss and detriment to the visual amenities of the locality and local wildlife. It is therefore contrary to policy CS16 and DM8.1 of the Havant Borough Core Strategy 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

That the Executive Head of Place be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for works T1 1No Oak (T1) reduce Eastern branch by 2 metres, leaving a branch length of 5 metres; Southern branch to be reduced by up to 2.5m to metres to a good pruning point with a maximum wound diameter of 75mm, leaving a branch length of 5.5 metres.

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- 2 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.
- 3 The tree pruning/surgery for which consent is hereby granted shall not result in:
 - (a) The overall size of any single pruning wound being greater than 75mm in

diameter.

Reason: In the interests of future tree health.

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 safeguard the health and well being of the tree(s) and its/their importance in the local landscape.