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Engineering/Drainage

Environment Agency

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: 8

Number of site notices: Not applicable.

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Comment	Officer Comment
We fully support this application and encourage approval to proceed with the outlined proposal. The tree in question, that does have a TPO, has been unattended for many years and as such is a danger to nearby households should it be struck by lightning or branches broken by high winds. Reduced in height and shaped correctly this oak tree will be magnificent to look at and will live for many years to come. Please approve this application without further delay.	Your comment is welcomed and considered in our report.

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 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 The report relates specifically to assessing the proposed works rather than generally inspecting the tree's health and condition in any great detail. However, the tree is looking rather sparse, particularly on the southern section of the upper canopy.

7.3 The application tree is growing in the rear garden of the applicant address and is visible from the roads to the rear (Meadow Close and Rogers Mead) as well and fleetingly from the main Havant road to the west.

7.4 The works will result in a moderate loss of amenity but may encourage the formation of a secondary canopy so the tree can be safely retained at a smaller size.

8 Conclusion

It is recommended that the works to the trees should be consented.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Executive Head of Place be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/24/00356

(A)

(B) for the following reasons/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