

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1No. Walnut tree (T1 on plan) crown reduction of 3 metres leaving a height of 9 metres to enable clearance to roof. Subject to TPO 1337.

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 Daniel Berwick

Councillor Gillian Harris

Councillor Phil Munday - St Faiths

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

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 this tree 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.

The walnut tree T1 stands on the northern garden boundary of the property with the access drive that serves 3 or 4 further properties in Pembury Way. The tree is protected under Tree Preservation Order 1337. The walnut is a small early mature specimen that has been subject to previous successful tree pruning applications dating back from 1997.

The tree can be clearly viewed from the nearby public highways at Pembury Road, and provides visual amenity, canopy cover and contributes to the ecosystem services of the area.

7.3 The works seek to prune the walnut to clear the roof of the dwelling, but the submitted specification for the pruning would likely not achieve the tree-owners desired outcomes. An alternative and more detailed specification for the pruning is offered above. 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 tree.

8 **Conclusion**

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

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Executive Head of Place be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/24/00271 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.