

Site Address: 11D Salterns Lane, Hayling Island, PO11 9PH
Proposal: 1No.Oak (T1 on plan) - fell and grind stump, subject to TPO 1380 within G1.

Application No:	APP/21/00350	Expiry Date:	14/05/2021
Applicant:	Mr Watkins		
Agent:	Mr Spratt	Case Officer:	Andrew Skeet
	Skyfell Tree Specialists		
Ward:	Hayling East		

1 Site Description

2 Planning History

3 Proposal

4 Policy Considerations

Listed Building Grade: Not applicable.

Conservation Area: Not applicable.

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Chichester Harbour Conservancy

Councillor Leah Turner - Hayling East

Councillor M Wilson - Hayling West Ward

Councillor R Raines - Hayling East

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: 4

Number of site notices: 1

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 their ongoing health and vitality.

7.2 My inspection related specifically to assessing the proposed works rather than generally inspecting the tree's health and condition in any great detail. I visually inspected the tree from ground level and the following report deals with the relevant issues that have been raised on site, in the application form and from my site observations.

7.3 This application to undertake work to a tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order relates to the proposed felling of one Oak tree located in the rear garden of the property.

The Arboricultural Officer undertook a site visit on April 26. This modest but characterful old oak is typical of many lining the creek which have been heavily influenced by their coastal location.

The circumference of the main stem at the base is 200cm but only 70cm of this is covered with what I appeared to be live bark and cambium. The remaining 130cm is continuously devoid of bark and the exposed wood is slowly degrading though I saw no signs of active fungal decay. It is likely that the main supporting roots corresponding to this dead portion of the stem base have very little functionality.

90% of the crown is to one side of the tree base, broadly speaking on the same side as the living sector of the main stem. Effective supporting roots are of course very much required on the opposite side of the base.

The crown contains no shortage of small diameter dead wood and one larger dead limb of approx 100mm dia and approx 4m length.

At the time of the visit the tree was flushing into leaf nicely throughout the crown.

It is regrettable that the owners wish to fell this tree since it is in a private and secluded location and the risk of it causing damage or injury in the event of failure is very low. The tree is carrying a small (albeit very unbalanced) crown so the total loading on the main stem is low.

8 Conclusion

The Planning Authority cannot reasonably refuse this application given the structural condition that is in evidence therefore permission should be granted.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/21/00350

(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 permission.

Reason: To control the timing of the works

- 3 In the first planting season following the date of felling; 1 replacement tree is planted. The tree should be a minimum 1.2 metres tall at the time of planting and should comply with BS3936:Part 1:1992. It should be planted at or near the site of the existing tree. It should also be selected from the following species:

1. Quercus robur
2. Quercus ilex

or such other size, species, location or period of time as may be agreed in writing with the Council.

If within a period of three years any tree planted as a replacement is cut down, felled, uprooted, removed, or die, or becomes in the opinion of the Council seriously damaged or defective:

- a) the Council shall be notified as soon as is reasonably practicable; and
- b) another tree of the same species and size shall be planted in the same location at a time agreed in writing with the Council unless the Council agrees to dispense with or vary the requirement.

Reason: To conserve and safeguard the visual amenities of the locality.