

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Crown reduce 1No. Oak (Tree 1 on plan) by 1m back to previous cut points; crown reduce 2No. Oak (Tree 2 and Tree 3 on plan) by 2m back to previous cut points; crown reduce 1No. Sycamore (Tree 4 on plan) by 3m back to previous cut points; crown reduce 1No. Ash (Tree 5 on plan) by 3m back to previous cut points. All trees within G1 of TPO 1498.

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 David Jenner

Councillor E Shimbart - Hart Plain

Councillor P Bains - Hart Plain Ward

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: 7

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 relates to the proposed works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order. The applicant has provided no REASON for the work to be carried out. There are 5 applications going back to 1998 for very similar work to these trees (one of these was for crown raising only). Looking at google streetview the sycamore and ash may have been pollarded at around 10m previous to the TPO being placed. Based on this history it would not be reasonable to refuse this application for work back to previous pruning points.

8 **Conclusion**

The works are considered appropriate and proportional, therefore permission should be granted.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/21/00027

(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 18/03/2022

Reason: To control the timing of the works