

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Reduce crown height and spread by 2 metres on 1 no. Oak tree leaving crown height of 16 metres and crown spread of 12 metres, subject to TPO 0442.

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 Julie Thain-Smith

Councillor Lulu Bowerman

Councillor R Kennett

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: 50

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 0

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- 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 crown reduction of one Oak tree located within the garden of Avalon Court.

This mature oak was viewed on April 26. The tree has been heavily reduced a number of years ago, possibly before the tree was TPO'd. Reduction pruning cuts of up to 200mm in diameter are visible. Many reduction points are degrading and as a result, substantial limbs are attached to unreliable wood. Many other incidental defects are visible in the upper parts of the tree. In the Arboricultural Officer's view there is a worrying risk of substantial parts of the tree breaking onto the lawn and patio areas below, which is expected to be well used by residents in summer.

No objections to the application have been received.

8 **Conclusion**

It is considered that the reduction work applied for is essential in this case to reduce the risk of structural failure in the crown therefore permission should be granted.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/21/00166

(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