

Recommendation: **REFUSE TPO CONSENT**

Councillor Diana Patrick

Councillor Dianne Lloyd

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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: 5

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 proposed works on an oak subject to a Tree Preservation Order. A site visit is not possible in the near future due to Coronavirus working restrictions. Looking at the small part of the tree that's visible on Google Mapping, it is probably a pristine oak (has never been degraded by any pruning work). No pressing reason for reduction has been provided, the only reason stated is "general maintenance". In this case,

the reduction requested would appear to be resulting in a reduction of the quality of the tree in return for no obvious benefit to the owner.

8 Conclusion

The work is not considered appropriate or proportional I recommend Refuse

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **REFUSE TPO CONSENT** for application APP/20/01092

(A)

(B) for the following reasons/subject to the following conditions

- 1 The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. The tree surgery proposed in the deposited application would result in excessive reduction of the tree's landscape impact and undue detriment to the visual amenities of the locality. [A more appropriate course of action would be through management of the tree's size and impact through a scheme of approved surgery.] It is therefore contrary to policy DM8 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework.