

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Copse Close, Waterlooville, PO7 5JS

05/62168/000 - Application to crown raise to 4m, crown reduce by 30%, crown thin by 10% and to clear house by 1.5m an Oak tree (T1) of TPO 1334., PERM,10/11/2005
GEN/17/00701 - Tree enquiry, UNK,
APP/17/01170 - Crown lift 1No. Oak (T1) to 5m from ground removing lowest limb (secondary limb to the primary scaffold) on south west sector, crown reduce by 2m, reduce width by 1m on north east sector and by 2m on south west sector, subject to TPO 1334., PERM,14/12/2017
APP/19/00487 - Demolition of existing garage; Two storey side extension to include integral garage/workshop, REF,08/07/2019
GEN/19/00826 - Discharge from Oak tree., ,
APP/20/00134 - Two storey side extension. (Revised), PERM,20/03/2020

Fell 1No.Oak and replant with 1No. standard Oak in nearby position, subject to TPO 1334.

Conservation Area: Not applicable.

Councillor Gary Hughes

Councillor Husky Patel

Councillor Ms C Howard - Purbrook 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: 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 to undertake work to a tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order relates to the proposed felling of one mature Oak tree standing in the rear garden of the applicant's property.

The applicant has applied to fell the tree based on its poor condition.

Extensive investigation has been undertaken by the applicant in association with Forest research, this investigation has concluded that the tree has symptoms of Acute Oak Decline and Chronic Oak Decline. Both are fatal for Oak trees.

A large portion of the trees canopy has died and the remainder is dying, it appears unlikely that it will recover. Given the high target area of person and property should this tree fail, the Arboricultural Officer agrees that the tree should be felled and replaced.

8 **Conclusion**

Given the test result of Acute Oak Decline and Chronic Oak Decline it is recommended that the Oak tree be felled and replaced.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/20/00866 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 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 (Oak)
2. Fagus sylvatica (Beech)

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.