

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

3 Proposal

Crown reduce overall 2No. Sycamores back to previous pruning points. Subject to G1 of TPO 1779.

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 Gary Robinson

Councillor Kenneth Smith

Councillor Mark Inkster

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: 10

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Comment	Officer Comment
We welcome the pruning of these two	Noted

trees that are located in the neighbouring property.	
We are happy with the pruning points from 2016	Noted

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 The trees subject of this application are 2 sycamores either side of the boundary fence between 41A and 41B Bedhampton Hill. The trees appeared to be showing signs of normal vigour and vitality and had dense crowns. The trees were viewed from the garden of 41A Bedhampton Hill. It was noted that the tree in the garden of 41B had a lot of ivy on the main stem and a more detailed inspection was not undertaken.

The trees have been previously managed and these reductions back to the old pruning points are part of a cyclical routine to manage them. The reductions will maintain the trees to a suitable size and should not have a negative impact on their health or the public amenity value they offer.

8 **Conclusion**

The work proposed is considered to be appropriate and proportionate and therefore permission should be granted.

(The permission of the tree owner at 41B Bedhampton Hill must be sought before undertaking any work to the tree within that property).

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/21/00381

(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