

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 Diana Patrick

Councillor Dianne Lloyd

Councillor S Milne

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: 3

Number of site notices: At least one site notice exists - check the number.

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Comment	Officer Comment
I wish to support the Application for the following reasons. The tree in question was mature when the house was built some 40 years ago and has since grown without serious checks and has become a dominant feature of both number 7 and 8 gardens. The trees position and density of branches overshadow my garden dominating the view and restricting sunlight reaching a large portion of useable garden until at least midday. The restriction of rainfall under the tree	Comments noted

canopy leaves the soil dry and therefore difficult to make serious use of a large space as any available ground water is used by extended tree roots Whilst I do not wish the removal of the tree, I believe it should be thinned and its growth restricted.	

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 pruning of one Yew tree.

The tree has been reduced with consent 5 times between 1997 to 2016. Upon inspection it appears to be tolerating well to the reductions. The tree has a dense spherical crown as expected, and looked to be in very good vigour. On this basis and also on the basis that the pattern has been set for repetitive reduction work, it is considered that a further reduction cannot reasonably be refused.

The diameter of the crown is a good 9m so reducing this to 7m is acceptable and will result in a longer lasting benefit to the owner. After this reduction the tree will look somewhat bare but it is fully expected to re-green itself quickly.

No objections to the application have been received.

8 Conclusion

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

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/21/00240

(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