

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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

Arboriculturalist

Councillor Leah Turner - Hayling East

Councillor M Wilson - Hayling West Ward

Councillor R Raines - Hayling East

County Waste Management

Property Management (formerly County Estates Department) Hampshire County Council

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: 9

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 works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order relates to the proposed pruning of two Monterey Pine and one Oak tree all within the curtilage of 23 Mengham Lane.

These trees are highly prominent specimens in the street scene.

The applicant has commissioned a tree report and the works proposed in this application are based on the findings of the report by Kim Gifford (Arboricultural Consultant). The trees have been found to be healthy and of a normal physiological condition. The Arboricultural Officer agrees with these findings. The Pines however have over extended branches overhanging a public highway and the intention is to reduce these branches to reduce the end loading as some of the Pines have recently suffered from storm damage.

Given the location of the trees and their proximity to the highway the works proposed are considered to be reasonable and appropriate to maintain these trees in their location.

The Oak tree subject of this application is to be reduced to provide clearance of the fabric of the property. This will not have a negative impact on the tree and will provide a more harmonious relationship between the tree and the occupants of the property.

No objections to the application have been received.

8 **Conclusion**

The works proposed are 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/20/00731 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 28/10/2021.
Reason: To control the timing of the works