

Recommendation: **REFUSE TPO CONSENT**

169A The Dale, Waterlooville, PO7 5JH

97/62573/000 - Tree Pruning, UNK,
05/62573/001 - Application for crown reduction by 20% (south eastern sector) a
Sycamore (T1) of TPO 1178., PERM.09/09/2005
GEN/17/00125 - Working from home enquiry
, 06/02/2017

Crown reduce 1No. Sycamore (T1) by 6m and crown raise to 4m. Subject to TPO 1178.

Listed Building Grade: Not applicable.
Conservation Area: Not applicable.

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: 11

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 the proposed works to a tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order, Crown reduce. My recommendation is based on a study of the Application documents and photo, a site visit appears unnecessary in this case.

The applicant has provided a photo of a sycamore which based on the photo is a healthy tree in good overall condition and which has an exemplary shape and form for its species, having evidently never received any major pruning work. The application is for reduction of the height only (no lateral reduction) by 6 metres, this would very much degrade the appearance of the tree. The reasons stated are:

1. Maintenance.
2. Reshaping for aesthetics

In my view reduction work is not needed as a maintenance task and the tree does not need reshaping to improve its appearance (aesthetic value). Consequently I am not in favour of this work or any reduction work. The photo suggests that the base of the crown is already in excess of 4m above ground level so there does not appear to be a possibility of crown raising to 4m. Crown raising BY 4m (i.e by an additional 4m) would again, probably be degrading the overall appearance of the tree.

8 **Conclusion**

Refuse

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **REFUSE TPO CONSENT** for application APP/20/01152

(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.