

Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

National Planning Policy Framework

Havant Borough Council Borough Design Guide SPD December 2011
Havant Borough Council Parking SPD July 2016

Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) March 2011
DM8 (Conservation, Protection and Enhancement of Existing Natural Features)

Havant Borough Local Plan (Allocations) July 2014

Havant Borough Pre Submission Local Plan 2036

Emsworth Neighbourhood Plan Post Examination Version 2020

Listed Building Grade: Not applicable.
Conservation Area: Mill Lane (Langstone)

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Councillor D Guest - St Faith's

Councillor J Branson - St Faiths

Councillor T Pike - St Faith's

Landscape Team, Havant Borough Council

Planning Application APP/20/01150 West Mill, Mill Lane, Langstone, Havant, PO9 1RX

Reduce crown height of 1No. Willow tree by 2m leaving crown height of 5m and reduce crown spread by 1.5m leaving crown spread of 2.5m within Conservation Area Mill Lane.

From a landscape perspective we have no adverse comments in relation to this application.

Kind regards,

Harry Mitchell CMLI
Landscape Architect
Havant Borough Council

Langstone Harbour Board

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: 2

Number of site notices:

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 0

Comment	Officer Comment

Summary:

Comment:

7 Planning Considerations

7.1 This notice of intent relates to the proposed works of a tree within a Conservation Area,. HBC Landscape Architect and Langstone Harbour Board are both raising no objection. The applicant has provided a photo of the tree, this is a very poor quality photo and appears not to be contemporary but showing the tree immediately following a previous reduction bordering on pollarding. In this photo the tree has been reduced to a bare framework and although it is difficult to make out, there appears to be pruning knuckles suggesting repeat pruning has been applied.

Based on this photo, there is a history of heavy reduction and/or pollarding of this willow. The applicant has reported decay at previous pruning points which does not surprise me given the species and the severity of pruning. All in all this tree falls well short of being eligible for statutory protection via a TPO and does probably need repeat pruning at regular intervals.

8 Conclusion

No Objection

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/20/01150

(A)

(B) for the following reasons/subject to the following conditions