

Site Address: 4 Hampton Close, Waterloo, PO7 8JJ
 Proposal: Fell 1 No. Oak tree, withinin Group G4, subject to TPO 1101.
 Application No: APP/20/00963 Expiry Date: 08/12/2020
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs N Maidens
 Agent: Case Officer: Maria Stewart
 Ward: Waterloo

Recommendation: **REFUSE TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

4 Hampton Close, Waterlooville, PO7 8JJ

2 Planning History

00/56829/001 - Fell an Oak tree within Group 4 at the rear of 4 Hampton Close
subject to TPO1101., REF,08/01/2001
97/56829/000 - Fell one Oak tree in rear garden (Group 4) covered by TPO 1101,
PERM,02/09/1997
APP/17/00467 - Tree works., UNK,

3 Proposal

Fell 1No. Oak tree, withinin Group G4, subject to TPO 1101.

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 Gwen Robinson

Councillor Mike Sceal

Councillor Peter Wade

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: 4

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 The applications relates to the felling of a tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order. The tree is not stated as being unsafe or causing damage it is a substantial oak in good overall condition with high amenity value. Behind 2-4 Hampton Close are ash x3 and oak x3 including the subject oak. The ash could be lost in the near future, to Ash Dieback so in that sense the subject oak is of increased importance. Setting that aspect aside though, no compelling reason has been provided for removal of the oak.

8 **Conclusion**

Refuse

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **REFUSE TPO CONSENT** for application APP/20/00963 for the following reason

- 1 The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. Its proposed felling would result in undue loss and 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.