

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Conservation Area: Not applicable.

5 **Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations**

Councillor David Jenner

Councillor E Shimbart - Hart Plain

Councillor P Bains - Hart Plain 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: 10

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 5

Comment	Officer Comment
In response to planning application 17 Wedgewood Way WaterlooVille PO8 8RW I object to any further work being carried out on oak T1 because of the effects upon said oak tree and the possible danger to my property and that to adjacent properties. We have seen this oak tree reduced twice already, the last which was just 3 weeks ago . My concern is the stability of the tree being undermined and that the tree will not be able to stand up to storms. If another 2.5 metres is removed on one side being the eastern side it could cause a danger to life and property not forgetting the future health of the tree. The owner also has a responsibility to his neighbours and also should safeguard this tree.	Comments noted, the work proposed is minimal and will not affect the stability of the tree.
In response to planning application at 17 Wedgewood Way WaterlooVille PO8 8RW I object on the grounds of repeatedly reducing the size of oak tree T1. Branches have already been	Comments noted. The work proposed is minimal and it will not affect the health of the tree

removed twice recently and it's unbalancing the whole tree. The resident has already cut all the branches on our tree which were on his side and taken a substantial amount off of the Oak (I thought from the original plans submitted when the houses were built that whole area was supposed to be fenced off as a wild life area?) Both trees are now very unbalanced and we are worried they will come down in a storm causing safety issues to our homes as they are very weighted this way now. Flooding in our area has gotten common since the estate was built and slowly destroying the trees that are left will only make it worse. He says he's doing it to 'balance' the tree which if you actually came and looked at it is the last thing he is doing!	
I wish to object to this application to remove even more of this tree. Surely it is time for the Council to refuse any more butchering otherwise what is the point of the TPO's. There is nothing wrong with the tree and yet it has twice been subjected to "DEAD WOOD" removal, and as for back up from the Tree Company - it's extra money for them. These trees have managed to 'balance' themselves over the years very well and it is only interference that causes this to change.	Comments noted. The work proposed is minimal and it will not affect the health or the tree.
In response to planning application at 17 Wedgewood Way Waterloo PO8 8RW I object on the grounds of repeatedly reducing the size of oak tree T1. Branches have already been removed twice from the northern side, the last time being only some 3 weeks ago and now to reduce it on the eastern side by 2 1/2 metres I am indeed extremely anxious that this would compromise the stability of the tree. Also the consequences this may have during storm weather as my property is in line with it. I am also worried about the stress to the oak tree which	Comments noted. The work proposed is minimal and will not affect the health of the tree.

is protected by TPO and should be cherished when doing no harm.	
I strongly wish to object to this application to remove even more of this tree. These trees have managed to 'balance' themselves over the years very well and it is only interference that causes this to change. To remove any more will surely unbalance this tree even further. It is high time for the Council to refuse any more butchering otherwise what is the point of the TPO's. There is nothing wrong with the trees, these trees were here long before any properties were built in Pyrford Close, Hartplain Avenue, Wedgewood Way. We have a duty to protect the environment and hacking more off these trees just for peoples convenience needs to end! and as for back up from the Tree Company - it's money for them	Comments noted. The work proposed is minimal and will not harm the health of the tree.
as per your automated email Comments were submitted at 9:23 PM on 10 Aug 2020 I strongly wish to object to this application to remove even more of this tree. These trees have managed to 'balance' themselves out over the years very well, and it is only interference that causes this to change. To remove any more will surely unbalance this tree even further. It is high time for the Council to refuse any more butchering otherwise what is the point of the TPO's. There is nothing wrong with the trees. These trees were here long before any properties were built in Pyrford Close, Hartplain Avenue, Wedgewood Way. We have a duty to protect the environment and hacking more off these trees just for peoples convenience needs to end! As far as back up from the Tree Company - it's money for them so they will of course support this application.	Duplicate objection.

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 Oak tree located within the curtilage of 17 Wedgwood Way.

The tree stands to the south of the property, in the parking area. Pruning has been undertaken in the past to manage the tree in its location in proximity to the dwelling and recently a lower limb on the northern aspect was granted permission to be reduced. This current application is to reduce the lateral branches which overhang the garden back by approximately 2.5m to rebalance the tree.

The eastern crown of the tree is not a full and even canopy, the branches to be pruned extend further out than the remaining canopy that side. For this reason it is considered to be appropriate and proportionate to allow a reduction of these branches to reduce the end loading of the limbs. Each application is assessed on its own merits and in this case it will not affect the health or amenity value of the tree.

8 Conclusion

The Arboricultural Officer has taken into consideration the comments received on the application and the work proposed in terms of the health and amenity value of the tree. In this case, the work proposed is considered to be appropriate and proportionate and therefore recommended that permission should be granted.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/20/00574 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 decision notice.
Reason: To control the timing of the works