

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Crown reduce 1No. Oak (T1 on plan) by up to 3m and to suitable growth points (to try to re-balance crown). Remove all deadwood where necessary. Subject to A1 of TPO 1223.

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 Diana Patrick

Councillor Dianne Lloyd

Councillor S Milne

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: 8

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 work to a tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order relates to the proposed pruning of one Oak tree in the rear garden of 11 Holst Way.

The tree was viewed from Byrd Close therefore a detailed inspection of the tree was not undertake and the assessment was made purely of the condition of the canopy and its public amenity value. As far as it was reasonable to see the tree appeared to have good vigour and vitality for its age and species however the canopy is heavily weighted towards the neighbouring property of 9 Byrd Close and is encroaching onto and over the roof of the property making it a very dominant presence. With regards to public amenity it is a prominent specimen forming a row of Oaks along the rear boundaries of Holst Way.

The description of work has been modified with the agreement of the applicant to reduce the level of reduction from 5m to 3m so as not to have a negative impact on the tree.

No objections to the application have been received.

8 **Conclusion**

The work proposed is considered to be appropriate and proportionate to reduce the imbalance of the canopy of this tree therefore permission should be granted.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/20/00697 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