

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Councillor I Scott Hayling West

Councillor Joanne Thomas

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: 6

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 2

Comment	Officer Comment
I thoroughly support this application. This lime tree, when in leaf takes some light away from my bungalow as well.	Comments noted
This Lime Tree is some 150 years old, it needs putting out of its misery. We look out on it and it takes away much of our morning light - we are looking East. the tree looks good as a skeleton, but once the leaves come out in the spring it looks good for about 3 weeks. After that, the tree simply cannot get adequate sustenance out of the poor soil and the leaves curl, then turn brown. the Crown was reduced by about 2m some 5 years ago. the tree actually stands in the garden of 19A, it takes ALL their light. They are a bungalow. But in the Autumn we get about 80% of the leaves. please get one of your Inspectors to come out and check the Tree. It withstood the 1987 Hurricane but i am not confident it can withstand many more storms. Depending on the wind direction it would demolish the Bungalow or do serious damage to our main bedroom / living Room. It needs TO GO ...	Comments noted

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 Lime tree situated in the rear garden of the applicants property.

The Lime is a mature specimen which has, in the past, been reduced to manage it in its location in proximity to dwellings. At least 2m of regrowth has occurred since the last reduction and the intention to prune back to the previous pruning points is considered reasonable work.

The tree appeared to have good vigour and vitality for its age and species although an inspection of the base wasn't possible due to surrounding debris and foliage.

No objections to the application have been received.

8 Conclusion

The work proposed is considered to be appropriate and proportionate and therefore permission should be granted.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/20/00737 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