

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Councillor Gary Robinson

Councillor Kenneth Smith

Councillor Mark Inkster

Landscape Team, Havant Borough Council

Planning Application APP/20/00304 Pilgrims, Edward Gardens, Havant, PO9 3JJ

Crown reduce height of 1No. Yew (T15) back to previous cuts (back into shape) by approximately 1m, and reduce by 1.5m on each side, beyond previous cuts (only cutting back where there are growth points available), leaving a finished crown height of 6m and crown width of 5.5m. Subject to TPO 0496.

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

Kind regards,

Harry Mitchell CMLI
Landscape Architect
Havant Borough Council

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 This application to undertake work to a tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order relates to the proposed pruning of one mature Yew tree located in the garden of the property.

The tree is a compact specimen which has previously been reduced but the re-growth is minimal. It is not impacting on anything other than the phone lines which are now running through the outer edge of the canopy.

The description of work has been amended with the agreement of the agent to lesser work which will not affect the health or amenity value of the tree. Some dead branches will also be removed.

No objections to the application have been received.

8 **Conclusion**

The work proposed is considered to be appropriate and proportionate and will not harm the health or amenity value of the tree, therefore permission should be granted.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/20/00304 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 1 year from the date of this decision.

Reason: To control the timing of the works.