

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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 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: 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.

The tree is a mature specimen, situated in the front garden of the detached property. It is considered to have significant public amenity value given its proximity to the public highway and is an important presence in the street scene.

As far as it was reasonable to see the tree appeared to be healthy and structurally sound. It was clear that the size of the tree has been managed by crown reduction in the past. The canopy is at least 5m from the roof of the applicant's property, however it was noted that it is much closer to the neighbouring property.

No objections to the application or letters of support have been received.

8 Conclusion

Pruning the Oak back to the previous pruning points is considered to be appropriate and proportionate for a tree of this size in close proximity to the neighbouring property, therefore permission should be granted.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/19/00707 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 13/09/2020.
Reason: To control the timing of the works