

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

National Planning Policy Framework

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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 works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order relates to the proposed pruning of two English Oaks and one Holm Oak at Park House.

The two English Oaks are located adjacent to the southern boundary of the property. Both trees have been heavily pruned in the past and their canopies are unbalanced. The tree furthest west has most of its canopy over the applicant's house and garden. Branches are now hitting the property when the tree is in leaf.

The tree closest to the garage also has a high, unbalanced canopy.

Both trees overhang into the neighbouring property of 12 Langstone Road.

The Holm Oak is situated at the very front of the property. The branches are now hanging low over the pavement and in order to meet Highway clearance specifications the tree requires crown lifting. The description of work has been amended to lesser, more appropriate work as the tree does not require a crown reduction at this time. Small branches encroaching the telephone line will also be pruned.

No objections to the application have been received.

8 Conclusion

As far as it was reasonable to see the trees appeared to be in a reasonable condition and no information has been submitted to suggest otherwise.

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/19/00647

(A)

(B) for the following reasons/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 20/01/2021.
Reason: To control the timing of the works