

Recommendation: <AnISCommDcnTyp>

Havant Borough Local Plan (Allocations) July 2014

Listed Building Grade: Not applicable.
Conservation Area: Not applicable.

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Councillor D Guest - St Faith's

Councillor J Branson - St Faiths

Councillor T Pike - St Faith's

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: 7

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 Cork Oak located at the front of the property.

Because of its size and position it is considered to be a prominent feature in the street scene.

There was some dying foliage within the canopy but generally appeared to be in good condition. It leans to the east over the neighbouring property and road.

The applicant wishes to reduce back to the previous pruning points but increase the level of pruning on the eastern and southern aspect of the tree to reduce the weight of the limbs. The agent has stated that the rise in the middle of the lawn was increasing however no cracks were visible in the lawn. There was possible movement visible around the edging stones of the lawn closer to the stem. The tree should be continually monitored by a suitably qualified professional.

No objections to the application have been received.

8 Conclusion

Given the size of the tree, the pruning 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 <AnISCommDcnTyp> for application APP/19/00938

(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 18/11/2020.
Reason: To control the timing of the works