Site Address:	10 Birch Close, Waterlooville, PO8 8TY		
Proposal:	1No Oak (T1) crown reduce back to previous pruning points. Tree subject to TPO 0555.		
Application No:	APP/19/01087	Expiry Date:	27/01/2020
Applicant:	Mrs Patten		
Agent:		Case Officer:	Maria Stewart
Ward:	Hart Plain		

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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1 Site Description

10 Birch Close, Waterlooville, PO8 8TY

2 Planning History

01/51339/003 - Pollard an Oak tree (T1) within the rear garden of 10 Birch Close subject to TPO 555., PERM,15/02/2001
98/51339/002 - Pruning of Oak (T1)subject to TPO 555, PERM,06/04/1998
92/51339/001 - Thin and reduce crown by 20% and raise South West quadrant of crown lightly on Oak covered by TPO 555.
, ZHIS,03/12/1992
06/51339/004 - Crown reduction to last pruning points of an Oak tree (T1) subject of TPO 0555., PERM,27/03/2006
10/51339/005 - Crown reduce by 20% 1No. Oak tree subject to TPO 0555., PERM,26/04/2010
APP/17/00274 - Crown reduce 1No. Oak by 2m, subject to TPO 0555., PERM,24/04/2017

3 Proposal

1No Oak (T1) crown reduce back to previous pruning points. Tree subject to TPO 0555.

4 Policy Considerations

National Planning Policy Framework

Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) March 2011
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.

This application is for consent to prune one English Oak subject to TPO 0555.

The applicant wishes to prune the tree to reduce the shade it causes.

The tree is located in the western corner of the small rear garden and is surrounded by other properties and gardens.

The tree is a mature specimen, which has been heavily reduced in the past and could be described as being a pollarded tree.

In order to maintain a tree of its size in this location, pruning back to the previous pruning points is considered to be appropriate management of this tree.

No objections to the application have been received.

8 Conclusion

The description of work has been modified with the agreement of the applicant. The work should not harm its health or amenity value and therefore consent should be granted.

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9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/19/01087 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 27/01/2021.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.