

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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: 9

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Comment	Officer Comment
Our house is opposite Elmleigh and, at the moment, the large trees create privacy for us, blocking view from the first floor windows in Elmleigh to the our home, in particular the first floor windows in our home. We are concerned that if the trees were to be brought to 4m from ground level that we would no longer be afforded this privacy and there would be a direct line of sight from the first floor of Elmleigh	The comments are noted with thanks. An amended description has been agreed with the agent to crown lift to 3m rather than 4m. This work is required to give the necessary branch clearance of the footpath for members of the public.

into our family home. The trees also form a significant sound barrier which block the sometimes excessive noise from the car park and space outside of Elmleigh. There are times when we have been woken in the night and I fear that without the trees acting as a sound barrier, this will only increase. We vehemently oppose the raising these trees based on the above reasons.	

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 3 Maples and 1 Ash all located along the frontage of Elmleigh, and adjacent to the public footpath. The work is to consist of crown lifting to 3m.

As far as it was reasonable to see the trees appeared to be in good condition for their ages and species and they offer public amenity value. Their branches are now hanging low over the footway causing a potential hazard for pedestrians and cyclists.

The work is necessary to provide the statutory clearance of the footpath, however the specification has been reduced in order to alleviate the concerns of a neighbour whilst

also providing the necessary clearance.

8 Conclusion

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

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/19/00602

(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 16/08/2020.
Reason: To control the timing of the works