

Site Address: 20 Park Crescent, Emsworth, PO10 7NT
Proposal: Crown reduce overall 1No. Red Oak Tree by 2.5m, subject to TPO 1952.
Application No: APP/18/01029 Expiry Date: 07/12/2018
Applicant: Mrs H Millen
Agent: Mr M Reed Case Officer: Maria Stewart
M Reed & Co Ltd
Ward: Emsworth

1 Site Description

2 Planning History

3 Proposal

4 Policy Considerations

Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) March 2011
DM8 (Conservation, Protection and Enhancement of Existing Natural Features)

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

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

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: 5

Number of site notices: 1_

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Comment	Officer Comment
I object strongly to the proposed reduction of the Red Oak Tree. This tree has had a TPO since 1952 and is apparently quite healthy so there appears to be no good reason for disturbing it. Further, the area at the site has had a number of healthy trees removed in recent years which I have also felt was unnecessary.	The work proposed will not harm the health or amenity value of the tree and it has previously had the laterals reduced therefore the work is considered to be appropriate and proportionate on this occasion.

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 on a tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order relates to the proposed pruning of one Red Oak in the rear garden of the property. The applicant wishes to prune the tree to reduce the shading and for general maintenance of

the tree.

The tree is a mature specimen with a slight lean into the garden of the property. It has been pruned in the past and the intention to reduce by no more than 2.5m will have no impact on the health or amenity value of the tree and will continue a harmonious relationship between the tree and the building.

8 **Conclusion**

Permit

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/18/01029

(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 07/12/2019.
Reason: To control the timing of the works