

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Crown reduce height of 1No. Oak (T4) by 4.5m and reduce sides by 2.5m -4m to re-shape and stabilise tree, crown lift to 4m. Remove any dead, crossing or epicormic branches as necessary. Subject to TPO 0918.

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

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: 2

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 works to a tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order relates to works to reduce and lift the crown of one mature Oak (dead wood will also be removed). The tree is situated on the south western boundary of Churchfields, Manor Road, Hayling Island. The reduction is proposed to seek to retain the tree at this point in time, Honey Fungus infection having been found.

8 **Conclusion**

The works are considered necessary to stabilise the tree and are not considered to be detrimental to the integrity of the TPO.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/19/00162 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 4th April 2020
Reason: To control the timing of the works