

Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

4B Kings Terrace, Emsworth, PO10 7AA

08/73297/000 - Notification of intention to crown reduce and reshape by 30%, remove all dead wood and storm damage to a white Willow tree within Emsworth Conservation Area., RNO,26/08/2008
APP/11/00274 - Demolish existing conservatory. Construction of single storey rear extension., PERM,20/05/2011
APP/11/00260 - Single storey rear extension. Replacement of existing flat roof with pitched roof (east elevation). New flue to solid fuel burner., PERM,06/05/2011
APP/12/01241 - Crown reduce 1No. White Willow back to previous pruning points, within Emsworth Conservation Area., RNO,04/01/2013
GEN/15/00996 - Tree works... 02/10/2015 13:08:26

Fell 1No. Willow tree within Emsworth conservation area.

National Planning Policy Framework
Havant Borough Council Borough Design Guide SPD December 2011
Havant Borough Council Parking SPD July 2016

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: Emsworth

5 **Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations**

Chichester Harbour Conservancy

Landscape Team, Havant Borough Council

Planning Application APP/18/00780 4B Kings Terrace, Emsworth, PO10 7AA

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From a landscape perspective we have no objections to this application.

Kind regards,

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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: 4

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 3

Comment	Officer Comment
This is a large impressive tree and I think it should have a preservation order. The tree is an important barrier between our house / patio and the roundabout, providing both visual and noise screening. The trunk itself is a big protecting structure. If it is causing the owners a problem, rather than destroy it perhaps it could be pruned, as has been done before.	Comments noted
I am an Emsworth Tree Warden. This significant tree is clearly visible from the A259 and holds a central position in a gap between houses and other trees. With the increasing traffic on this road it acts as a buffer (noise and pollution) for the housing South of the road.	Comments noted

It has been pruned before so this may be an option but surely a tree creating shade and dropping leaves cannot justify felling.	
It is to be regretted that this fine mature willow tree is an inconvenience to the applicant. However, the applicant's irritation at having to periodically prune the trees is not a good enough reason to want the tree felled. It is clearly visible and holds an important central position in a large gap between houses and other trees, and it therefore provides great visual amenity to pedestrians and those traveling into Emsworth along the A259. As such it adds character and a sense of place to this area of Emsworth which is closely associated with water (Brook water Meadow and the Slipper Pond), and this willow adds much to this sense of place. It is a significant feature that is important in the community.	Comments noted

Summary:

Comment:

7 Planning Considerations

- 7.1 This notice of intent to undertake work to a tree located within the Emsworth Conservation Area relates to the proposed felling of a mature Willow.

The tree is located within the small rear garden of the property and dominates the garden. Historically the tree has been heavily pruned to try and maintain this tree in its location. Although this could be an option again, this would significantly reduce any public amenity value the tree has.

Three objections have been received and the comments are noted. However, due to its size and location it is considered to be the wrong tree in the wrong place and it is not suitable to be protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

8 Conclusion

Raise no objection

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/18/00780 .