

Number of neighbour notification letters sent: 10

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Comment	Officer Comment
This oak is protected to safeguard it for our own and future generations. Reducing the crown of this mature oak by 3 metres represents a significant reduction of 9.8 feet . This action will not be in line with the protection order's intention to conserve the tree because it will leave it significantly diminished Arun Close is a new development and therefore the property must have been purchased in the full knowledge of the placement of the oaks. As I understand it the oaks are good specimens and in a healthy state. I recall there has already been an earlier application a very short time ago to remove the lower branches from two oaks on this site and the work has been carried out. I do have some sympathy with the applicant as my house faces a group of oaks but the problems of leaves and acorns only apply to a few short autumn weeks every year which seems to be a very small price to pay for the enjoyment of looking out on majestic trees which have taken decades to grow to their current height and beauty.	

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 the reduction of overhanging branches in the lower south eastern canopy only of one Oak tree subject to TPO 1942 and situated to the north of North of 6 Arun Close, Waterloooville. As far as it is reasonable to see the tree is healthy and contributes to the visual amenity of the local area. The proposed works are considered not to be detrimental to the integrity of the TPO. The received comments are noted but in this instance the proposal is considered not to be detrimental to the long term health or amenity value of the Oak tree.

8 **Conclusion**

The works are considered not 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/18/00926

(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 20th November 2019
Reason: To control the timing of the works