

Land until the 1st December 2017.

Extension of time Agreement until 13th October 2017, PERM,19/10/2017

3 Proposal

Fell 1No. Sycamore to ground level; crown lift 8No. Ash trees to 2.5m; crown lift 2No. Hawthorn to 2.5m; crown lift 1No. Sycamore to 2.5m. All trees subject to TPO 1923.

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: 13

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 2

Comment	Officer Comment
See Representation in Documents	
1 letter of support has been received	Comments noted.

I wish to object to this proposed cutting of trees protected by this Tree Protection Order 1923 This will have a reduction in the approved planned screening of the new estate by this hedgerow. in addition, this will result in a reduction of amenity. this is very unfair to existing residents. The hedgerow that these trees are part of , still has not been properly planted. there is a temporary wire and picket fence. This is not as represented on the site plan. i telephoned your office twice to speak to an officer on 22 March and left two clear voicemail messages. no one has responded. this is very dissapointing.	Comments noted. Called neighbour to discuss objection and update on decision. 24/4/18
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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 a row of trees consisting of Sycamore, Ash, Hawthorn, running adjacent to Redlands Lane and in front of a new development of houses.

The trees to be pruned are now hanging low over the pavement and the intention to crown lift to 2.5 metres is considered appropriate maintenance of the trees and will not harm the health or amenity value of them. The minimum clearance for pavements is 2.4 metres therefore this work is entirely appropriate.

One Sycamore tree is to be felled. The tree is relatively young and is growing at an angle out of the pavement. It is causing damage to the pavement and will continue to do so in its location. On the balance of keeping the tree and having to regularly repair the pavement, or fell and plant a replacement in a more suitable area, I consider that it would be more beneficial to fell and replace in a more suitable location.

8 **Conclusion**

Permit

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/18/00203

(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 02/05/2019.
Reason: To control the timing of the works

- 3 By 31 December 2018 1 replacement tree is required to be planted. The tree should be a minimum 1.8 metres tall at the time of planting and should comply with BS3936:Part 1:1992. It should be planted within 2 metres of the tree to be removed. It should also be selected from the following species:

1. Sycamore tree (*Acer pseudoplatanus*)
2. Maidenhair tree (*Ginkgo biloba*)

or such other size, species, location or period of time as may be agreed in writing with the Council.

Reason: To conserve and safeguard the visual amenities of the locality.