

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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: 2

Number of site notices: 1.

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Comment	Officer Comment
I support the application which is very overdue. The trees have had no attention whatsoever for decades. I would also like to suggest that in addition to dead wooding of the "remaining trees" they would benefit greatly from having crown reductions of 30% to balance their size because the trees are close together and therefore tall with most of the growth at the top parts.	

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 The tree subject of this application and subject also to TPO 1008 to fell is a mature Oak situated in the rear garden of No. 5 Oaklands Grove, Waterloooville. This tree has a significant lean into the garden such that any surgery will reduce the tree to a stump with no value in the landscape. At present the lean of the tree into the garden reduces the usable space and the amenity of the residents. The proposed works, which includes the removal of dead wood from other Oak trees, is considered not to be detrimental to the integrity of the TPO.

8 **Conclusion**

The proposed 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/18/01120 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 26th December 2019.

Reason: To control the timing of the works.