

Recommendation: **REFUSE TPO CONSENT**

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: 6

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 3

Comment	Officer Comment
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We object to the felling of the oak trees as we feel that the removal of the trees would be detrimental to the local environment, particularly for bird life. The immediate area has over the last few years suffered from the removal of many trees, for example in the old Convent grounds, and it must be having a huge impact on wildlife. We accept that the trees may be blocking too much light, and probably are too tall to be so close to some houses, and would agree to a reasonable lopping of the trees, as has happened to similar trees in the immediate area.	Comments noted.
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7 **Planning Considerations**

7.1 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.

7.2 This application to carry out works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order relates to the proposed felling of four Oak trees near to the rear boundary of the property.

Letters of support from 4 and 5 Hermitage Gardens have been included with the application, along with a letter from the insurers of 6 Hermitage Gardens. The letter recommends that the trees be reduced by 3-4m to reduce the potential that these trees may cause damage in the future. The letter also makes it clear that these trees are not currently causing damage.

One letter of objection has been received stating that the work would be detrimental to the local environment and wildlife.

The garden has a number of large mature trees (mainly Oak) which form an important group visible in the street scene. No evidence has been provided to state that the trees are causing damage and the shade they may cause does not outweigh the amenity value they provide to the area.

8 **Conclusion**

Refuse

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **REFUSE TPO CONSENT** for application APP/18/00372 for the following reasons

- 1 The trees are significant features in the local landscape and appear to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. Their proposed felling would result in undue loss and detriment to the visual amenities of the locality. It is therefore contrary to policy DM8 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework 2012.