

3 **Proposal**

Remove 4 lowest branches overhanging property of 1No. Sycamore and crown reduce remainder upto 1.5m from property; crown reduce 1No. Plum leaving a height of 2.5m; remove branch on western sector of 1No. Willow; crown raise 1No. Sycamore upto 5.2m over road and 2.4m over footpath; Crown lift 2No. Ash to 2.4m over footpath and cut back branches to provide a 2.5m clearance of properties in Mission Lane. All trees subject to A1 of TPO 1187.

Crown lift 3No. Horse Chestnut to 2.4m over footpath and cut back branches to provide a 2.5m clearance of properties in Mission Lane. Trees subject to G1 of TPO 1087.

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: 16

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 0

Comment	Officer Comment

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 application relates to a number of trees located within the grounds of a residential home in Linda Grove, Waterloooville. The property is located at the end of a Cul-de-sac and several of the trees that line the front boundary possess unrestricted views and possess a high public amenity, as well as views from a public footpath that adjoins its southern boundary line. A number of these trees form part of an Area TPO and the three Horse Chestnuts are subject to an Group TPO.

The base of the trees could not be fully inspected due to dense undergrowth. Within the crown of each tree there are signs of previous pruning works and each crown appears to be displaying normal vigour and vitality.

The proposed works are considered to be reasonable cyclical management for trees of their maturity. These works will alleviate the encroachment over the nearby buildings, footpaths and highway. This will not cause detriment to the health of the trees or to the amenity value that they possess.

It should be noted to the applicant that a full Health and Safety survey should be carried out on the Sycamore (T1) to ascertain any risk due to its condition.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommmed Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO** 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 pruning/surgery for which consent is hereby granted shall not exceed the following: Remove 4 lowest branches overhanging property of 1No. Sycamore and crown reduce remainder upto 1.5m from property; crown reduce 1No. Plum leaving a height of 2.5m; remove branch on western sector of 1No. Willow; crown raise 1No. Sycamore upto 5.2m over road and 2.4m over footpath; Crown lift 2No. Ash to 2.4m over footpath and cut back branches to provide a 2.5m clearance of properties in Mission Lane. All trees subject to A1 of TPO 1187.
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Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the tree(s) and its/their importance in the local landscape.

- 3 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 24/10/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works