

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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: 11

Number of site notices: Not applicable.

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 5

Comment	Officer Comment
We would be devastated to see these healthy trees felled. They have been part of the view from our home since we moved here nearly 16 years ago and were one of the determining factors in choosing this property. They provide a particular fascination with each season and in different weather conditions. They will soon be full of starlings which use them as a daytime roost. Although a common garden bird, starlings are in decline elsewhere and are on the RSPB's Red List. The leaves and twigs, although a chore to rake up for a few weeks, make excellent compost for the garden. We didn't realise quite how much we appreciate the trees that surround us until having been put in this situation.	
Dear Ms Stewart	
We do not support the application to remove the 2 Poplars. Although located within the garden of 109 Sunnymead, they are also immediately behind the border at the end of our garden. These Poplars form a considerable part of the view from our property, along with several other well-established trees in neighbouring gardens, and played a large part in our decision to purchase the property. They can also be seen from most parts	

of the Berg estate, therefore forming part of the skyline and acting as a landmark feature. By removing them it would potentially change the outlook for a number of surrounding residents. In addition the Poplars are used by many varieties of birds and squirrels, therefore playing an important part for local wildlife. The trees have been there for a considerable number of years, and whilst we appreciate there may have been an element of growth over time, they were present when all surrounding residents moved into their respective properties. During our 6 years at the property we have not noticed any increase in the amount or size of branches that have fallen into our garden. Although the trees have swayed in the winds during the many storms since we have been here, they have not caused any damage to our property to date. In fact they act as a natural wind break protecting the fences and properties nearby. According to an online forum "swaying is how trees dissipate energy imparted upon them by the wind and while it can look alarming it is perfectly natural". Whilst we would support the application if the trees were diseased, or deemed dangerous in anyway, both trees appear to be very healthy and according to section 6 of the planning application they have not been classed as either diseased or at risk of breaking or falling. Kind Regards P Knight J Parrott	
Dear Ms M Stewart We would like to make you aware that we do not support the application to remove the two Poplars, at the very end of the garden of 109 Sunnymead, for your information the location of them is right on the border of the rear	

of our garden. The reasons we would like to see them remain are as follows. 1) The trees are over 30 years old and appear to be in very good health, in fact the information on the planning application (section 6) supplied by Ruskins Tree Consultancy, has the trees as not diseased and not in danger of breaking or falling. 2) We have lived here for over ten years now and have not seen any increase in the amount of branch drop, you do have a few branches come down, but to date none of them have hit anyone or damaged anything, we do however get to fill our composter up with the huge quantity of leaves that drop every year. 3) We have had many storms over the years we have lived here, again whilst the trees do sway and move, to date nothing has ever fallen of any real size. I would support this application if it was identified by an expert, that the trees have reached a stage in growth that identifies them as being at risk, or that it was very apparent by an increase in branch drop that the trees are suffering in some way. Thank You Charles and Lesley Miller	
See Representation in Documents	

7 **Planning Considerations**

This application to undertake works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order relates to the removal of two Lombardy Poplar, situated on the rear, northern, boundary of No. 109 Sunnymead Drive, Waterlooville PO7 6BP. These trees are subject to TPO 2034. It is proposed to remove these trees due to their structural condition and the consequent possibility of failure in a high target situation. The trees appear healthy but closer inspection has revealed significant structural weakness within the canopies in the form of tight unions and included bark. Given the situation of the trees within a domestic setting, it is considered appropriate to remove them and plant two replacements.

8 **Conclusion**

It is acknowledged that these two trees are visible in the public domain and have visual

amenity. However, their structural condition is such that it is considered appropriate to remove them and plant replacements to maintain the visual quality of the local area.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/18/00904

(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 trees to be felled shall be replaced by 2 x Scots Pine to be planted in a position as near as practicable to the position of the trees to be felled and at a height of at least 1.8 metres when such replacement planting is carried out.
Reason: To conserve and safeguard the visual amenities of the locality.