

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Reduce 1No.south facing limb (lowest major scaffold limb) of 1No. Oak tree by 7m to suitable growth point to allow access for vehicles, subject to TPO 0567 within G39.

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

Arboriculturalist

Chichester Harbour Conservancy

County Waste Management

Engineering/Drainage

Environment Agency

Property Management (formerly County Estates Department) Hampshire County Council

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: 1

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 This application for consent to prune a tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order relates to one Oak tree belonging to the property known as 'Langness' but which overhangs the shared access drive to the property known as 'Seafield House'. The Oak is a large mature specimen and appeared to have good vigour and vitality for its age and species.

The reason given for the application is to allow a greater clearance for large vehicles to get to the property. Although the pruning will leave a large wound on the limb being reduced, it is low over the access and the Arboricultural Officer agrees that the work is necessary. It should not harm the health of the tree and due to its location on a private driveway surrounded by private properties, the tree has a limited public amenity value.

8 **Conclusion**

Permit

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/01302 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 30/01/19.
Reason: To control the timing of the works