

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: 4

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 two mature London Plane trees located within the front curtilage of a property in Silvester Road, Waterloooville. The main stems are located on the boundary with the public highway and both dominant the street scene, representing a significant amenity value to the public.

The lower main stems of both trees are largely surrounded by a high boundary hedge. The visible sectors show no obvious signs of poor basal condition. Within the canopies there are signs of previous pruning works and the trees are displaying what appears to be normal vigour and vitality. Each crown appears to be well balanced and there is a good separation between the furthest extending branches and the dwelling.

The original application specified a crown lift to a height of 7m and a height reduction by 7m. This would have been prohibitively excessive since it would have resulted in the trees possessing poor form and a significant loss of public amenity. The works would have been extremely detrimental to the health of the trees, likely causing them to go into a state of shock from which they would not recover. Lesser works were negotiated with applicant to pollard the tree back to its previous pruning points. This would serve to maintain the trees to a reasonable size for their location without causing detriment to the amenity of the street scene or the health of the trees.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00693 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: Pollard to previous pruning points 2No. London Plane Trees (T1 and T2), subject to TPO 1134.
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 28/08/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.