

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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: 7

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 mature Sycamore tree that is located in the rear curtilage of a Scout building in Kings Road, Hayling Island. The main stem is located close to the rear, southern boundary line. However the upper crown can be viewed from the street scene above the rooftop of the building. Therefore the tree possesses some amenity value.

The base of the tree is surrounded by dense undergrowth and timber debris, with the boundary fence in close proximity to the main stem's southern sector. The main stem forks into two major scaffold limbs at an approximate height of 2m. Within the crown there is some amount of deadwood and signs of previous heavy pruning works. There is evidence of the tear out of a secondary limb close to the union of the limb that is proposed for removal. The crown has a slight southern bias over the neighbouring property's garden.

The application proposes the removal of the lowest limb on the southern sector. This would rebalance the shape of the crown and would result in a wound no larger than approximately 200mm, which would not cause detriment to the health of the tree. Since the works are to be carried out on the southern sector, which is furthest away from the street scene, neither would these works detriment the public's visual amenity.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00840 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 1No. lower limb to southern sector to reduce overhang in neighbouring property.
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 25/09/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works