

Site Address: Land east of 8 Aubin Wood, Emsworth, PO10 7UA

Proposal: Reduce 1No. limb on south/west sector of 1No. Oak (T1) by 4m and reduce 1No. limb on south/west sector of 1No. Oak (T2) by 2.5m, subject to TPO 1896.

Application No: APP/17/00837 Expiry Date: 25/09/2017

Applicant: Mrs S Tumor

Agent: Mr M Reed Case Officer: Jamie Gargett
All Tree Solutions Ltd

Ward: Emsworth

1 Site Description

2 Planning History

3 Proposal

4 Policy Considerations

Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) March 2011
DM8 (Conservation, Protection and Enhancement of Existing Natural Features)

Listed Building Grade: Not applicable.
Conservation Area: Not applicable.

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 subjects of this application are two mature Oak trees located in land next to a property in the newly built development in Aubin Wood, Emsworth. The trees possess some views from the street scene and along with other mature trees in the area, they contribute well to the tree cover in the area.

The base of the trees could not be inspected due to surrounding dense shrubs and undergrowth. Each main stem is heavily Ivy clad and within the crown there is a minor amount of deadwood. There are signs of previous pruning works, however the tree appear to be displaying normal vigour and vitality. The crowns have a south western bias over the rear gardens of the new properties.

The proposed works would serve to rebalance the crowns and minimise falling debris into the residential gardens below. This would lessen the amount of shading currently being experienced and would maintain the harmonious relationship between the trees and the residents. This would not detriment the health of the trees or the amenity value that they

possess.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00837

(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 tree pruning/surgery for which consent is hereby granted shall not exceed the following: Reduce 1No. limb on south/west sector of 1No. Oak (T1) by 4m and reduce 1No. limb on south/west sector of 1No. Oak (T2) by 2.5m, subject to TPO 1896.
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