

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Reduce to old pruning points by 3.5m overall and crown lift to 3.5m 1No. Grey Poplar;
reduce to old pruning points by 2.5m overall and crown lift to 3.5m 1No. Grey Poplar;
reduce to old pruning points by 3m overall and crown lift to 3.5m 1No. Grey Poplar;

reduce to old pruning points by 3m all sectors except east sector to be reduced by 4m and crown lift to 3.5m 1No. Grey Poplar. Remove any dead, crossing or epicormic branches of all above trees. All trees subject to A1 of TPO 1358.

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

Chichester Harbour Conservancy

No objection

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: 2

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 number of semi mature Poplar trees located in the front curtilage of a property in Seafarers Walk, Hayling Island. The trees line the boundary with the public highway and their crowns are highly visible in the street scene. Therefore the trees as a group contribute well to the tree cover in the area.

The trees were inspected from outside of the property due to restricted access, however there were no obvious signs of poor basal condition. The main stem of each tree is set in lawn, with the main stems of the two eastern most trees leaning towards the east. The previous pruning points are clearly visible and within each canopy there is some amount of deadwood. The Poplars designated T1-T3 possess dense foliage and are displaying normal vigour and vitality. The eastern most Poplar, designated T4, has more than average deadwood and is displaying slightly reduced vigour and vitality.

The original application specified works to that would have been considered to be excessive and leaving minimal foliage. The works were negotiated with the applicant so as to provide a reasonable level of cyclical management that would not detriment the amenity value they possess in the street scene or to the health of this aggressive growing species.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/01029

(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.
- 3 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 14/11/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works