

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Havant Borough Local Plan (Allocations) July 2014

Listed Building Grade: Not applicable.
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: 4

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 2

Comment	Officer Comment
I fully support this application as this tree, in its current form, takes a lot of the light from my garden and if it fell it could possibly damage my property.	Noted the tree will be reduced under application.
We completely support this application to crown reduce and crown raise this macrocarpa tree. It appears to be the only remaining tree, of 16 originally, covered under TPO 0928, dated over 40 years ago. As noted it is now over 17m high, and spreads over 4 properties, including Conifers. It blocks out daylight to adjacent properties, and causes a great deal of mess. It is not a tree native to the UK. At this size it could cause considerable damage to property and persons.	Noted the tree will be reduced under application.

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 refers to a mature Monterey Cypress tree located in the rear garden of a property in Kingsway, Hayling Island. The tree is located in the south east corner of the garden, close to the boundaries. The crown has limited views from the street scene, however the upper crown can be viewed above the rooftop of the chalet bungalow dwelling.

The base of the main stem is set in a small garden bed and there are no clear signs of poor basal condition. The tree is a twin stemmed specimen with a compression union at an approximate height of 1m. There is peeling bark on the main stems and there have been heavy pruning works to remove secondary limbs. Within the crown there is some amount of deadwood and contorted limbs, however the tree appears to be displaying normal vigour and vitality.

The original application specified works which would have been excessive and caused detriment to the health of the tree and to its visual amenity in the street scene. Lesser works were negotiated with the applicant that would still remove a significant amount of weight in the canopy and maintain its size to reasonable level within a residential garden without causing detriment its health or its public amenity value.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00901

(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: Crown raise 1No. Monterey Cypress to 5m (pruning wounds no larger than 75mm and to suitable growth points), and crown reduce height and lateral growth by 4m, subject to TPO 0928.
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the tree and its importance in the local landscape.

- 3 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 10/10/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.