

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 0

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 an over mature Pine tree located within the ground of residential flats in West field Avenue, Hayling Island. The crown in its entirety can be viewed from both Westfield Avenue and Beach Road, which run parallel to the western boundary line. Therefore the tree possesses a good level of public amenity and contributes well to the tree cover in the area.

The base of the main stem is surrounded by lawn with no obvious signs of poor basal condition and there are exposed roots visible surrounding the main stem. Within the canopy, there are a number of snapped out branches and the tree appears to be displaying severely reduced vigour and vitality with the crown possessing sparse foliage. There are signs of previous pruning wounds within the canopy and a large amount of deadwood.

The tree is in an irreversible state of decline and the proposed felling would present an opportunity for mitigation replanting that would maintain the sustainable tree cover in the area for the foreseeable future. This would only enhance the quality of the public's visual amenity in the street scene.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/01032

(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: Fell 1No. Pine (T2). Subject to TPO 1510.
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the tree(s) and its/their importance in the local landscape.
- 3 The tree to be felled shall be replaced by 1No.Rowan or 1No.Whitebeam to be planted in a position as near as practicable to the position of the tree to be felled and at a height of at least 2 metres when such replacement planting is carried out.
Reason: To conserve and safeguard the visual amenities of the locality.
- 4 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 13/11/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works