

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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 Oak tree located within the rear garden of a property in Rogers Mead, Waterlooville. The main stem is located close to the rear, northern boundary of the back garden, however the crown, in almost it's entirety, can be viewed from the street scene above the property's garage roof. Therefore the tree contributes well to the tree cover in the area and possesses a high public amenity value.

The base of the main stem is set in a flower bed, surrounded by shrubs and other planting therefore a full assessment of it's basal condition could not be made however there are no visible signs of poor health. The main stem is partially Ivy clad and there is some minor epicormic growth. Within the canopy there is very little deadwood visible and there are clear signs of previous pruning works, however the crown possesses dense foliage and appears to be displaying normal vigour and vitality. The canopy is slightly unbalanced on the southern sector towards the dwelling.

The application proposes the crown reduction of the Oak back to it's previous pruning points. Within the application it states that the tree was last pruned 6 years ago. The crown has spread in close proximity to the property's upper windows and the specified works will remove the regrowth, providing sensible cyclical management that will result in small diameter wounds only. This will reduce shading to the garden and the

property, while maintaining a harmonious relationship between the tree, the property and the residents. These proposed works are consistent with the tree's past management and would not cause detriment to the health of the tree or the amenity value that the tree possesses.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00543

(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 reduce back to previous pruning points 1No. Oak tree (T12), subject to TPO 1032.
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 25/07/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works