

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: 8

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received:0

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## **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 is in relation to a mature Oak in the rear garden of a property in Hulbert Road, Havant. The tree can be viewed with relative ease between the properties, down the driveways that are to the side of the dwellings. The tree

contributes well to the tree cover in the area and possesses some amenity value.

The main stem is surrounded by lawn with a concrete slab footpath close to its northern sector, which has been raised by the exposed root system. There exists a cavity at the base of the main stem and there is evidence of decay and damage caused by woodworm. The Oak is in decline with the canopy displaying reduced vigour and vitality and there exists a large amount of deadwood as well as signs of its previous management.

The specified works to crown reduce the height by 1-1.5m and the lateral spread by 2-2.5m would reshape the canopy and extend what useful lifespan the tree may still possess. These proposed works would not detriment the health of the tree or the amenity value that it brings to the street scene.

## 8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission

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## 9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00389

(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 height by 1-1.5m, reduce lateral spread by 2-2.5m, to 1No. Oak. Subject to TPO 2040.  
**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 05/06/18.  
**Reason:** To control the timing of the works.