

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Number of neighbour notification letters sent: 8

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 Yew tree located within the back garden of a property in Pembury Road, Havant. The property is located at the end of Cul-de-sac and as such the tree has heavily restricted views from the street scene and possesses little amenity value.

The base of the tree is located within a flower bed and there are no obvious signs of poor basal condition. The tree is a multi stemmed specimen and there is some minor epicormic growth on the main stems. There are signs of previous pruning works within the crown, however the crown appears to be displaying normal vigour and vitality. The crown has a slight bias towards to the dwelling on its eastern sector with the furthest extending branches close to the property's guttering.

The proposed works to crown reduce the tree by 1.5m back to its previous pruning points would maintain its size for its location within a relatively small rear garden. The proposed crown lift would provide ease of movement within the garden and maintain a harmonious relationship between the residents and the tree. These works would be consistent with its previous cyclical management and would not cause detriment to the health of the tree. Since the tree possesses no visual public amenity, neither would these works detriment the amenity value of the street scene.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00934 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 1No. Yew (T4) by 1.5m to previous pruning points; crown lift to 3.5m and remove dead, crossing or epicormic branches. Subject to TPO 1360.
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 19/10/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works