

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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: 7

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

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| I object as the appearance of my back garden would be severely effected,i feel it would also put off potential buyers of my property as the flats would look a lot closer as the area looks too open if the trees aren't there.you would lose the outlook of the garden,the trees cause no harm to any gardens,there is no problem with bird faeces.i have never witnessed even 1 drop of faeces.there is a lot of wild life in those trees and I fear for them as they'd be losing there natural habitat, squirrels, pidgeons and other varieties of birds use those trees for shelter and rest in the evenings.the trees create a great hedgerow/border separating our houses to the flats behind in Monterey drive.the owners in monterey drive that brought there properties knew what they were buying and made there decisions knowing it had a mature tree in the garden,its something they should have considered before buying. when we purchased our house in 2014 ,the trees in the back garden were a selling point as the flats behind cannot view directly into my home but with the trees gone we will lose our privacy .the trees do not shed leaves the whole year so I see no reason to remove them,if anything we should be protecting them and conserving them. | <p>The trees are poor quality specimens and are not suitable in their location within a modest garden.</p> <p>New trees will be planted in mitigation that are more appropriate to the setting.</p> |

## **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 two mature Macrocarpa trees located within the rear garden of a property in Monterey Drive, Havant. These trees form part of a linear group TPO that follows the rear boundary line of this row of houses. The upper canopy of each crown can be viewed above the rooftops of the dwellings and contribute well to the tree cover in the area.

The main stems are surrounded by laid paving slabs and there are no obvious signs of poor basal condition. On the main stems there is evidence of previous limb removals. While the applicant's stated reasons would not justify the proposed felling and there is a relatively good separation between the furthest extending branches and the nearby property, the trees are poor specimens and Seiridium cardinale (Cypress canker) within the canopy was noted on site. Their current size and further potential growth make them very inappropriate trees to be located in a small residential garden. As part of the consent, more suitable mitigation replanting will be conditioned that will be a more appropriately sized species.

## **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/17/00768 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 felling for which consent is hereby granted shall not commence until a detailed scheme and specification for replacement tree planting on an adjacent part of the site has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority; such specification shall include details of the species and size of such replacement planting.  
**Reason:** To conserve and safeguard the visual amenities of the locality.

- 3 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 14/09/18.  
**Reason:** To control the timing of the works.