

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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: 6

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 Field Maple tree located within the front curtilage of a property in Brunswick Gardens, Havant. The tree is highly visible with the street scene and possesses a high public amenity value.

The base of the main stem is surrounded by dense undergrowth and the main stem is heavily Ivy clad. There is a cavity visible at the base of the main stem's southern sector where there is basal decay. Within the crown there is some deadwood, with a decaying secondary limb within the canopy. The crown is heavily balanced towards the southern sector and the proposed removal of the lower branch on this sector will serve to reshape the crown. The specified works will also reduce some of the weight of the canopy. This will extend the tree's useful lifespan and help to minimise the potential mechanical failure of the tree due to the basal condition. While the works may appear to be excessive, any loss of public amenity should be weighed against the health and safety concern.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/01004

(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 1No. Field Maple (T10) by 3m overall and remove 1 x lower limb on south side; crown lift to 4.5m. Remove dead, crossing or epicormic branches. Subject to TPO 1351.
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 08/11/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works