

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: 2

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 This application relates to three mature Oaks trees that form part of a woodlands TPO in Copse Land, Hayling Island. The trees are located on a plot of land that contains a mobile home, with each Oak highly visible from the street scene. Therefore they possess a high public amenity value and contribute well to the tree cover in the area.

T1 Oak: This Oak sits close to the boundary with the public highway with the canopy extending over the road and possesses the greatest amenity value of the three Oaks. The main stem is partially Ivy clad and within the canopy there are signs of it's past management and some deadwood, however the crown appears to be displaying what is normal in vigour and vitality.

T2 Oak: This is the most eastern of the Oaks and is located within the front curtilage of the property, slightly set back from the highway boundary. The main stem is surrounded by lawn and is displaying no obvious signs of poor basal condition. The crown appears to be displaying what is normal in vigour and vitality, as well as signs of previous pruning works.

T3 Oak: The Oak is the most southern of the Oaks and has unrestricted views from the street scene. The main stem is surrounded by lawn and shows no obvious signs of poor basal condition. Within the canopy are signs of previous pruning works and a small amount of deadwood. The application proposed the felling of this Oak, however since the tree appears to be displaying what is normal in vigour and vitality and there are no obvious signs of poor condition, there is no sound arboricultural justification for the felling of this mature specimen.

The original specified works were considered excessive and would detriment the health of trees and their visual amenity in the street scene. Lesser works to the Oaks designated T1 and T2 were negotiated, as well as the removal of the third Oak's proposed felling from the application. The new specification would be considered reasonable cyclical management for trees of their size and maturity without causing detriment to their health or the amenity value they offer to the street scene.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00437

(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 Reduce unpruned canopy of 1No.Oak by 2m on the western canopy and western top; crown reduce in height 1No.Oak by 2m, reduce south and east sectors by 2m, remove 2 lower limbs on south sector (running parallel with caravan); all trees subject to TPO 1878 within W1.
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 15/06/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works

