

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: 51

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 relates to a mature Oak tree located within the rear grounds of a residential block of flats in Holly Drive, Waterloooville. Beyond the boundary is a woodland and there are only distance views of the upper crown from the street scene. Therefore the tree possesses minimal amenity value and contributes little to the street scene.

The tree's main stem is surrounded by brick paving and there is no clear evidence of poor basal condition. The tree has undergone significant crown raising as part of its historic management and there are signs of previous pruning works within the crown. There is a large amount of deadwood within south eastern sector of the crown, however the remaining canopy possesses dense foliage and appears to be displaying normal vigour and vitality. The tree has been tagged and inspected by a tree surgeon as part of a survey.

The furthest extending branches are in close proximity to the building and the size of the tree is creating a significant shading nuisance. The proposed crown reduction by 2m would serve to maintain its size so close to the building and allow more natural light into the flats. The reduction would have no impact on the street scene due to the minimal amenity value that the tree possesses. This would serve to maintain a

harmonious, workable relationship between the tree and its surrounding environment without causing detriment its health or to the public's visual amenity.

## 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/17/00950 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.Oak (T1) by 2m all round and 2m in height, subject to TPO 1552.  
**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 30/10/18.  
**Reason:** To control the timing of the works