

1 Site Description

33 Markway Close, Emsworth, PO10 7NX

2 Planning History

04/69749/000 - Application to crown reduce by 20%, crown thin by 20% T7 Oak, crown reduce by 20%, crown thin by 10% T8 Acacia subject of TPO 1300., PERM, 10/01/2005
GEN/12/00937 - Proposed deadwooding to tree., , 10/09/2012

3 Proposal

Reduce crown all over by 2m and on east sector by 4m, to 1No. Oak (T7), remove epicormic growth. Subject to TPO 1300.

4 Policy Considerations

National Planning Policy Framework

Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) March 2011

DM8 (Conservation, Protection and Enhancement of Existing Natural Features)

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: 10

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 Standing in the north western corner of the property 33 Markway Close is an Oak tree which also overhangs the gardens of properties in Selangor Avenue. It is a mature specimen with ivy covering the stem in the owners property, however when viewing the base of the tree from the rear garden of a property in Selangor Avenue, there is a basal cavity clearly visible and one of the buttresses (when knocked with a mallet) sounded to be hollowing.

In view of the cavity and hollowing, the intention is to prune the tree to reduce the sail area and reshape and rebalance the crown. This work is considered appropriate to reduce the weight, and the tree should continue to be monitored by the owner.

8 **Conclusion**

Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/01196 subject to the following conditions