

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: 4

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 tree subject to this application is a mature Oak tree. The tree is subject to a group TPO that follows the rear boundaries of a row of houses in St. Andrew's Road on Hayling Island. The tree can be viewed with relative ease from the street scene, at a distance between properties and above the neighbouring bungalow dwelling. Therefore, it contributes well to the public amenity of the street scene and the tree cover in the area.

The Oak is located between the rear boundary fencing and a shed within the back garden. The main stem is surrounded by lawn and there is some minor mechanical damage near the base of the main stem's eastern sector. The crown extends over the boundary line and is displaying reduced vigour and vitality. There are signs of the tree's previous management and there is the presence of a large amount of deadwood within the canopy.

The original proposal to crown reduce the Oak by 2m would have been considered slightly excessive since the tree appears to be in relatively good order with regards to its maintenance and shape. Lesser works were negotiated with the applicant for a 1.5m crown reduction. This would not detriment the amenity value that the tree possesses or its overall health, while managing the tree's size in relation to its position in a relatively small residential garden.

8 Conclusion

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00649

(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 No 1. Oak by 1.5 metres, within Group G1 subject to TPO 1808.
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 10/08/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works