

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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: 5

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 Sycamore and Oak tree. The Sycamore is located

is the front curtilage of a property in Waterloo, while the Oak tree is found in the rear garden. The main stem of the Sycamore sits in a raised flower bed that is surrounded by tarmac, in the south east corner of the property close to the boundary edge. The base shows no signs of poor condition, while there is evidence of a large limb removal at an approximate height of 4m, which has occluded well. The crown has been frequently managed and the crown has prolific bud growth, therefore the tree appears to be displaying what is normal in vigour and vitality. The works to crown reduce the height by 2.5m and sides by 2m would reduce the branches to their previous pruning points and would not detriment the health of the tree. This would serve to manage the tree's size in relation to its proximity to the dwelling and reduce any shading nuisance without any significant loss of public amenity that it may bring to the street scene.

The Oak tree is located in the south west corner of the rear garden. The tree can be viewed relatively easily down the side of the property and contributes well to the tree cover in the area. The tree was inspected from outside due to restricted access and its base could not be inspected as to its condition. The tree is twin stemmed with extensive epicormic growth on both stems. The canopy is unbalanced and there is no clear evidence of dieback within the crown, therefore the tree appears to be displaying what normal in vigour and vitality. The specified crown reductions would serve to rebalance the shape of the canopy, as well as the crown raise on the western sector, where pruning wounds will not exceed a diameter of 25mm. This would not detriment the health of the tree or any public amenity value that the tree possesses.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00280

(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 by a height of 2.5m and a width of 2m 1No. Syamore. Crown lift by 10m on the north side (Max branch diameter 25mm), crown reduce by 1.5m on the east side and crown reduce by 2m on the southern side 1No. Oak. Both trees subject to TPO 1029.
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 11/05/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works