

Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

Crown reduce 1No. Sycamore by 1m and remove dead limbs back to suitable growth points; Re-pollard 1No. Willow back to previous pruning points, all with pruning wounds no larger than 75mm, within Conservation Area of Emsworth.

4 Policy Considerations

National Planning Policy Framework
Havant Borough Council Borough Design Guide SPD December 2011
Havant Borough Council Parking SPD July 2016

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: Emsworth

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Landscape Team

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: 6

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received:0

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.

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.

This section 211 notice applies to a young Sycamore and a mature Willow tree located at a property in Bath Road, which falls within the conservation area of Emsworth. The property resides between the public highway and the waterfront, with the Sycamore in the front curtilage that adjoins the highway and the Willow tree in the rear garden. The Sycamore is a multi stemmed specimen and set within a flower bed, showing no obvious signs of poor basal condition. The tree appears to be displaying reduced vigour and vitality with several of the limbs appearing to be dead. Although the tree has some views from the street scene through and above the boundary hedgerow, the tree contributes minimal amenity value to the street scene or aesthetic quality to the conservation area. The tree is in a heavy state of decline and the works to remove the dead limbs would prolong any useful life span that the tree may still possess.

The Willow is located near the waterfront, which adjoins the rear boundary, in the north eastern corner of the garden. The tree has limited views from the immediate street scene as it is obscured by the dwelling, however it can be viewed further down the road where the highway boundary meets the waterfront and therefore contributes well to the aesthetic quality of the conservation area. The main stem is surrounded by lawn and there are no obvious signs of poor basal condition. The canopy extends over the garden and the wateredge, with the crown displaying what appears normal in vigour and vitality. The tree has historically been managed as a pollard and the proposed works specify the repollarding of the tree back to it's previous pollard points. This would result in wounds no larger than 75mm and would be considered reasonable cyclical management that would not detriment the aesthetic quality of the conservation area. This would not result in the loss any public amenity currently offered to the street scene, nor would it have a negative impact on the health of the tree.

8 Conclusion

Raise No Objection

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/17/00265

(A)

(B) for the following reasons/subject to the following conditions

