

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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 The tree subject to this application is a mature Willow tree located within the rear garden of a property in Highfield Road, WaterlooVille. The tree is located to the side of the property and as such the crown in its entirety can be viewed from the street scene and it possesses a high visual amenity.

The tree was viewed from outside the property due to restricted access. There are

two timber garden sheds located close to either side of the main stem. The crown appears to be displaying normal vigour and vitality and the previous pruning points are clearly visible. The proposed reduction would remove the regrowth since its last maintenance and would not detriment the health of this resilient and fast growing species. This would be consistent with its previous management and the proposed works within the application would not detriment the public's visual amenity of the tree.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00993

(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 height and width of 1No. Willow (T4) by 4m. Subject to TPO 1239.
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 06/11/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works