

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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: 9

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 Oak that is situated in the rear garden of a property in Avondale Road within the Waterlooville area. The tree is located close the rear, northern boundary that adjoins neighbouring back gardens. The tree possesses limited views from the street scene with only passing, distance glimpses of it's crown visible between the neighbouring dwellings. However the tree contributes well to the tree cover in the area along with other mature Oaks nearby, as well as providing a privacy screen between the residential gardens.

The base of the tree is set amongst shrubs and therefore the tree could not be fully assessed as to it's basal condition. The crown extends over the boundaries to the north and the east. The main stem is Ivy clad with some epicormic growth and forks to two major scaffold limbs at an approximate height of 4m. The canopy shows signs of previous pruning works and has been heavily crown lifted in the past. There is also the presence of a small amount deadwood, however the tree appears to be displaying what is normal in vigour and vitality.

The proposed works to crown reduce the Oak by 2m back to its previous pruning points would be in line with reasonable cyclical management for a tree of its maturity and consistent with its past maintenance. This would serve to minimise the shading nuisance caused to the surrounding gardens without causing detriment to the health of the tree or the public amenity offered to the street scene.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00387 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 2m back to previous pruning point 1No. Oak tree (T4) subject to TPO 1285.
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 07/06/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.