

Number of neighbour notification letters sent: 15

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 tree located in amenity land at the end of Solent Drive, Hayling Island. The tree is highly visible in the street scene with unrestricted views and represents a significant amenity value to the public.

The base of the main stem is located close to fencing that adjoins neighbouring rear gardens. Therefore a full assessment as to its basal condition could not be made, however there were no obvious signs of poor condition on the sectors that were visible. The crown is displaying what appears to be normal vigour and vitality. There

are signs of previous pruning works and the crown is in need of further cyclical management to reshape and rebalance the canopy. These works would minimise the shading nuisance being experienced by the neighbouring property located to the tree's northern sector. The works specified within the application would not cause detriment to the health of the tree or to the significant amenity value that it possesses.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00841

(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, north, south and east sectors by 2m, west sector by 3.5, and crown raise by 2m to 1No. Sycamore (T8). Subject to TPO 1510.
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the tree and its importance in the local landscape.
- 3 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 11/10/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.