

Recommendation: **REFUSE 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: 7

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received:0

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## 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 mature Beech tree is located in the rear garden of a property in Waterlooville. The tree possesses limited views from the street scene, however it can be viewed between properties. The tree was inspected from outside due to restricted access and therefore a full inspection could not be carried out to ascertain it's basal condition. The main stem is leaning heavily to the west and the canopy's shape is unbalanced towards this sector. The application proposes it's reduction in height by 5m and sides by 3m. These works would be considered excessive and would send the tree into a state of shock where it would be unlikely to recover. There currently exists extant permission to fell the tree since it is not a good example of the species and therefore this would require the replanting of another specimen . However the works specified within this application would lead to the tree's eventual death, result in a loss of public

amenity and decrease the sustainable tree cover in the area.

It should be stated that, since the tree is located in a neighbouring garden to the applicant, any prior approved works would require the land owner's permission before their commencement.

## 8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Refusal

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## 9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **REFUSE TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00287

(A)

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

- 1 The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. Its proposed felling would result in undue loss and detriment to the visual amenities of the locality. It is therefore contrary to policy DM8 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework 2012.