

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Reduce lowest limb on 1No. Alder on roadside sector by 6m to clear road and footpath, remove lower rubbing branch at height of 4m and reduce tips of larger limb on roadside sector by 2.5m to clear road and balance crown, subject to TPO 1847.

4 Policy Considerations

National Planning Policy Framework

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: Not applicable.

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Conservation Officer

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: Not applicable.

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 proposes works to an mature Alder tree located in the front curtilage of a property on the Emsworth Road, Havant. The tree's main stem is situated near the southern boundary line, with a 2m high brick wall separating it from the public footpath. The canopy extends over the boundary, the adjacent public footpath and towards the highway. As such the tree has a high amenity value with the canopy fully visible to the public. There is evidence that the tree has been pruned in the past with some large diameter wounds on the main stem where major limbs have been removed, however the tree is displaying what appears normal in vigour and vitality. The proposal includes the reduction of 2.5m on the road side aspect to clear the highway, which would be considered reasonable cyclical management to maintain the relationship between the highway and the tree. The application also includes the 4m lateral reduction of a specified branch that extends over the public footpath and towards the highway. While the reduction may appear drastic, the branch is rubbing on another larger limb and it's reduction may contribute to lessening potential mechanical failure of the larger limb or creating an entry wound for pathogens. Additionally, the application proposes the heavy reduction of another specified branch, again extending over the boundary towards the highway. This branch is the lowest limb on this aspect and the proposed 6m reduction would reduce it's encroachment onto the footpath or highway as the limb becomes weighted with the growth of it's foliage.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00132

(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: Reduce lowest limb on 1No. Alder on roadside sector by 6m to clear road and footpath, remove lower rubbing branch at height of 4m and reduce tips of larger limb on roadside sector by 2.5m to clear road and balance crown, subject to TPO 1847..

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 10/04/18.

Reason: To control the timing of the works.