

Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

DM8 (Conservation, Protection and Enhancement of Existing Natural Features)

Listed Building Grade: Not applicable.

Conservation Area: St Faiths

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Conservation Officer - no comments received

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

Comment	Officer Comment

Summary:

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.

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.

This notification relates to a mature Sweet Gum tree and Paperbark Maple tree located at a property in Manor Close, Havant. The Sweet Gum tree is located in the rear garden, close to the northern boundary with the neighbouring garden. The crown can be viewed from Fairfield Road, which runs parallel to the rear boundary line. The Paperbark Maple is located in the front garden of the property and has unrestricted views from the public footpath which runs the length of this pedestrianised road.

The base of the Sweet Gum tree is surrounded by shingle and shows no obvious signs of poor basal condition. The tree is medium sized and well balanced with a good ground clearance. Within the crown there are signs of previous pruning works and the tree appears to be displaying normal vigour and vitality. The original specification was considered excessive and resulted in a loss of public amenity. Lesser works were negotiated with the applicant, which would sensitively manage the tree's size in a relatively small garden.

The base of the Paperbark Maple is set in a flower bed and shows no obvious signs of poor condition. The tree is a multi stemmed specimen and the crown appears to be displaying normal vigour and vitality. The crown requires cyclical management to maintain its size for its location within a relatively small front garden. While the works are considered to be slightly excessive, the crown is causing shading to the front of the property and the tree would fail to meet with the criteria to be protected by a TPO due to its poor form and therefore there can be no objection as to the proposed works.

8 **Conclusion**

Raise No Objection

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/17/00856

(A)

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