

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Fell 4No. Cypress (3 trees and 1 tree with three trunks). Subject to A1 of TPO 0945.

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

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: 8

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 0

Comment	Officer Comment
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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 This application relates to a number of mature Conifer trees situated within the ground of a property in Brent Court and form part of an Area TPO. The property is located in the corner of a cul-de-sac and the trees line the boundaries of the rear garden. The trees are completely obscured from the street scene and therefore possess no amenity value.

The main stems of these Conifers are located in flower beds and show no obvious signs of poor basal condition. Each of the trees have been topped and this has

resulted in the trees possessing poor form. These trees are poor examples of the species and since they lack any amenity value, the felling of these trees would be considered reasonable. Since the applicant has already replanted several young species of tree, no condition has been attached for mitigation replanting.

It should be noted that since the Conifers form part of an Area TPO, these trees have not be assessed individually since the area order was instituted. Therefore, these trees would not have possessed sufficient quality or amenity value to warrant protection under individual TPO status.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00662 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: Fell 4No. Cypress (3 trees and 1 tree with three trunks). Subject to A1 of TPO 0945.
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 16/08/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.