

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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: 4

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 Ash tree, which forms part of an Area TPO covering the rear gardens of properties in Latchmore Gardens, Waterloooville. Since the tree is located in the rear of the property, the tree has partial views from the street scene with the upper crown and eastern sector viewed with ease above the property's rooftop and to the side of the dwelling.

The base of the main stem is surrounded by shrubs and there were no visible signs of poor basal condition. There are occluded wounds from previous limb removals on the main stem and there is a good ground clearance from the bottom of the crown. There is some evidence of dieback within the crown and signs of previous pruning, however the tree still possesses relatively dense foliage. The furthest extending branches are in close proximity to the property's rooftop and guttering.

The proposed works would serve to minimise the shading to the property and reduce the amount of falling debris onto the property's rooftop. The proposed works would result in wounds at the previous pruning points and would be consistent with the tree's historic management. The tree is both an inappropriate species and size so close to a residential building and requires cyclical maintenance to maintain a harmonious relationship between the tree and the residents. These works would not cause detriment to the health of the tree, nor would it detriment the amenity value that the tree possesses.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00962 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 1No. Ash tree by 2m to southern aspect (towards the house), reduce by approx 3m to the west side with an overall crown reduction of 2-3m back to previous pruning points, remove any deadwood, subject to TPO 0560 within A1.
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 27/10/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works