

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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

Chichester Harbour Conservancy

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: 2

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 multiple trees found in the rear garden of a property in Gutner Lane, which form part of a group TPO. The property is found at the end of a relatively long driveway and only a few of the trees can be viewed from the street scene between the neighbouring buildings and above the rooftops.

T1 - T10 Oak: The application includes a number of mature Oaks around the boundary edges. The bases are located amongst shrubs and other plants with some having Ivy clad main stems. There signs of previous management within their canopies and each Oak is in need of further cyclical maintenance. All but one of the Oak appears to be displaying what is normal in vigour and vitality. The remaining Oak is in decline and the application proposes a retrenchment prune by 2.8m. The works, as outline in the application, would be considered reasonable general maintenance for trees of their maturity and location, within a residential garden, without causing detriment to their health or any amenity value they offer to the local area.

T11 - Hawthorn: This Hawthorn tree is located in the centre of the property's rear garden. The tree offers no public amenity value as the building obscures it from the street scene's view entirely. The reduction in height by 2.5m and the sides by 1.5m would be considered reasonable cyclical mangement due to the species' aggressive growth habit. These works would not detriment the health of the shrub or any public amenity value.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00150

(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: 1No. Oak (1), remove lower limb over east side and crown lift to 3.5m, ring Ivy; 1No. Oak (2), reduce lower canopy by 2.5m on all sides, ring Ivy; 1No. Oak (3), reduce 4 lower branches by 2.5m; 1No. Oak (in decline) (4), retrenchment prune by 2.8m overall; 1No. Oak (6), reduce west side by 2m and shape into top; 1No. Oak (7), reduce large lower limb (west sector) to good growth point; 1No. Oak (8), reduce top west sector only by 2.5m; 1No. Oak (9), reduce south sector by 3.5m; 1No. Oak (10), reduce branch over greenhouse by 2.5m; 1No. Hawthorn (11), reduce by 2.5m from top and 1.5m sides to shape. Remove any dead, crossing or epicormic branches from all above trees. All trees within Group 38 of TPO 0567.
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the trees and 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 06/04/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.