

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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: 7

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 This Oak is located in the rear curtilage of a property in Chilsdown Way, Waterlooville. While the tree has limited views from the property's immediate street scene, the rear boundary adjoins another cul-de-sac where the crown can be viewed in it's entirety with ease and therefore the Oak possesses a high amenity value.

The base of the main stem is surrounded by leaf litter and there are no obvious signs of poor basal condition. On the main stem, there are wounds of previous limb removals, which have occluded well. The crown is unbalanced with a bias towards the

southern sector, which is causing a shading nuisance to the rear garden of the property adjoining the rear boundary. Within the crown is evidence of relatively recent management and there is the presence of some deadwood, however the tree appears to be displaying what is normal in vigour and vitality.

The original specification within the application would have been considered excessive, leaving large wounds from the removal of major structural limbs. Lesser works were negotiated with the applicant that will reduce the shading nuisance to the neighbouring garden and maintain it's size without causing detriment to the overall health of the tree or to the special 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/17/00357

(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: Crown lift to 5 metres without removing any major structural branches, reduce the branches over the garden by no more than 1.5 metres and reduce the branches over the footpath to the north by no more than 2 metres, 1No. Oak (T4). Subject to TPO 1182.
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 29/05/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works