

Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

National Planning Policy Framework
Havant Borough Council Borough Design Guide SPD December 2011
Havant Borough Council Parking SPD July 2016

Listed Building Grade: Not applicable.

Conservation Area: Old Bedhampton

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Landscape Team - No objection

Langstone Harbour Board - No objection 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: 0

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.

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.

The subject of this section 211 notification is a mature Oak tree within the conservation area of Old Bedhampton. The tree is located within the rear curtilage of a property, close to its eastern boundary with a public footpath. Therefore the crown in its entirety can be viewed from the footpath and the tree possesses a high amenity value.

The tree's base and main stem could not be fully assessed since the tree was inspected from the public footpath due to restricted access. There are signs of its historic management since the tree is now a lapsed pollard. There is a minor amount of deadwood within the canopy and the tree is displaying what appears to be normal vigour and vitality.

The original application specified works to crown reduce the tree by 4m to remove the regrowth since the trees last pollarding. This would have been considered excessive since this would have heavily impacted the amenity value of the tree. Lesser works were negotiated with the applicant to crown reduce the tree by only 3m. This would manage the size of the tree and reduce the shading to the resident's garden without causing detriment to the amenity value currently offered to the public or to the tree's health.

8 Conclusion

Raise No Objection

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/17/00661