

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: 3

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 application proposes work to two trees at St.Mary's Church in Hayling Island. Both trees are located close to the northern boundary with the neighbouring property.

Yew: The first of these trees is a mature Yew and, along with other Yews, possesses a high amenity value with unrestricted views from the street scene. The base of the main stem is surrounded by lawn and there are no evident signs of poor basal condition. The canopy has spread over the boundary line and is encroaching over the neighbouring driveway that runs down the side of their property. There is evidence that the canopy has previously been managed back to the boundary line and now the canopy requires further cyclical management to allow the free access of vehicles to the neighbouring garage, which is located at the rear of the property. The proposed reduction of 1m on the northern sector would bring the canopy back to the boundary line and would not detriment the overall health of the tree or the amenity value it offers to the street scene.

Elm: The application includes the felling of an young Elm tree. The tree is located in the north east corner of the church yard, between the above mentioned Yew tree and the public highway. The tree is severely in decline and is an extremely poor specimen of the species, likely due to minimal exposure to sunlight as it has been crowded by the mature Yew trees nearby. Despite it's location close to the street scene and it possessing

unrestricted views from the public highway, the tree contributes very little, if any, aesthetic quality to the area. The removal of the tree would not detriment the local amenity value and it would provide the opportunity to replant a more appropriate species in its place that would only benefit the street scene. Additionally, during the site visit, the applicant was advised to obtain written permission from the church before undertaking any works on their land.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00195

(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 reduce 1No. Yew (T1) on north side by 1 metre back to previous pruning points on boundary line, subject to TPO 1615. Fell 1No. Elm (T2) subject to TPO 1446.
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the tree(s) and its/their importance in the local landscape.
- 3 The tree felling for which consent is hereby granted shall not commence until a detailed scheme and specification for replacement tree planting on an adjacent part of the site has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority; such specification shall include details of the species and size of such replacement planting.
Reason: To conserve and safeguard the visual amenities of the locality.
- 4 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 24/04/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works