

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

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: 8

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 These two mature Oaks are located in the rear garden of a property in Waterloooville. Both trees sit close to the eastern boundary with the neighbouring land and since they are situated at a distance from the property, they have heavily restricted views from the street scene and possess minimal amenity value, although they contribute well to the tree cover in the area. The trees' main stems are surrounded by shrubs, therefore they could not be inspected as to their basal condition. On the main stems, there is evidence of occluded wounds where limbs have previously been removed and both are partially Ivy clad. Within their canopies are signs of historic heavy pruning with each crown having been topped as part of their previous management. However, the trees are budding and therefore are displaying what appears normal in vigour and vitality. The application specifies works to crown reduce both trees by 2m as well as remove a lower limb on each main stem that extends towards the neighbouring dwelling and garden. These works would be considered sensible management for trees of their size and proximity to a boundary line, as well as reducing any nuisance to the neighbouring property. This would not cause detriment to the overall health of the trees, neither would it result in any loss of public amenity.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00276

(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 Oak by 2m and remove 1No. low limb growing towards roof of 10B Longwood Avenue. Crown reduce 1No Oak by 2m and remove lowest limb growing over garden area of 10B Longwood Avenue. Both trees within W1 of TPO 1253.
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 10/05/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works