

- **1 Site Description**

18 Park Crescent, Emsworth, PO10 7NT

- 2 Planning History**

99/59788/001 - Erection of conservatory to side of house, PERM,13/01/2000
95/59788/000 - Reduce by 25% crown of southern Field Maple in rear garden:
Tree T4 covered by T
PO 1300, PERM,
09/59788/002 - Remove 3No. limbs and crown reduce by 3.5m to boundary the
southern sector of 1No. Oak tree (T2) subject to TPO 1300., PERM,03/11/2009

- 3 Proposal**

Crown reduce by 2m around perimeter and crown raise to 6m from the ground 1No.
Oak (T2) subject to TPO 1300.

- 4 Policy Considerations**

National Planning Policy Framework

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: 7

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Comment	Officer Comment
This is an important beautiful mature	Noted and application has been

and healthy looking tree in a group of similar size trees visible from the corner of Park Crescent. To crown raise by 6 metres would appear to necessitate removing a quite major limb to the Southern side. The lower part of this side of the tree already appears to have been pruned to spoil the overall shape of the tree. To crown reduce the perimeter by a further 2 meters would seem to make it a strange shape and possibly unbalanced with the prevailing wind coming more from a southerly direction. The application is also to crown reduce by 7 - 9 metres. Surely this will detract further from the lovely natural shape of this mature oak tree. The applicant states some concern over possible dead branches, while stating that the tree is healthy, and surely this would be better treated by a sensitive appropriate pruning of any such limbs rather than the rather drastic overall treatment suggested. If the tree loses this much of its natural shape then it could fall victim to being treated as a "lollipop" tree with no real value as has happened in a recent local appeal decision by an inspector.	amended to lesser works.

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 a mature Oak tree located in Park Crescent. The tree is located near the southern boundary of the property with the neighbouring land. The base of the tree is surrounded by holly and shrubs but is showing no obvious symptoms of poor health. There is evidence of previous pruning of lower level branches on the main stem. Within the canopy exists the presence of deadwood, however the rest of the tree is exhibiting what appears normal in vigour and vitality. The tree has limited views from the public street scene due to screening from building and other trees. The original application stated excessive works that would have been detrimental to the health of the tree. Through discussion with the applicant, an amended was agreed with lesser works that would be in line with reasonable cyclical management of the tree and help to achieve the stated reason for the application, to lessen shading to the neighbouring property and blockages from debris in guttering. These amended works would not cause detriment to the health of the tree 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/16/01204

(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 reduction of 2m to balance canopy; reduction to southern aspect to previous pruning points and deadwood; crown raise to 3m from ground level to 1No. Oak (T2) subject to TPO 1300.
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 13/01/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.