

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Crown raise on west & north sector to give ground clearance of 10m; remove 9No. limbs of 10cm to 1No. Sugar Maple (T2) Subject to TPO 1166.

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: 26

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 0

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 mature Sugar Maple tree subject to this application possesses a high amenity value with unrestricted views from the street scene. It is located on a corner plot near the eastern boundary with the neighbouring land with the main stem close to the dwelling and the neighbouring property. The base of the tree could not be assessed fully as to it's condition since the main stem is surrounded with shrubs, leaf litter and weed membrane. Additionally, the tree was inspected on a rainy day therefore the condition of the bark could not be properly assessed. The main stem is leaning slightly to the east and within the canopy there is evidence of previous crown reduction, however the tree is displaying what appears to be normal in vigour and vitality. The works within the application state crown raising on these aspects to give a

clearance from the ground of 10m and the removal of 9No. selective branches with a diameter no greater than 10cm. These works would rebalance the canopy and reduce the shading to the property without detriment to the health of the tree and the amenity value.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/16/01261

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 raise on west & north sector to give ground clearance of 10m; remove 9No. limbs of 10cm to 1No. Sugar Maple (T2) Subject to TPO 1166.
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 01/02/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.