

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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: 6

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 The application requests the felling of a mature Ash tree in the rear garden of a property in Richmond Drive, Hayling Island. The tree can be viewed from the street scene above the property's garage and above the bungalow dwellings, therefore the tree contributes well to the amenity value of the area. The ground around the base of the tree was clear with the base of the main stem showing no clear signs of poor condition. On the main stem however, there exists several cavity pockets at the wound sites of previous limb removals and there is evidence of previous heavy pruning within the canopy. The canopy is poorly balanced and the tree is reaching the end of it's useful lifespan. The removal of the tree and the replanting of a new tree would maintain the tree cover in the area without any loss of amenity value.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00028

(A)

(B) for the following reasons/subject to the following conditions

- 1 The tree to be felled shall be replaced by a Turkish Hazel to be planted in a position as near as practicable to the position of the tree to be felled and at a height of at least 2 metres when such replacement planting is carried out.
 Reason: To conserve and safeguard the visual amenities of the locality.