

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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: 5

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 application relates to mature Beech tree located in the front garden of a property at the end of a cul-de-sac in Emsworth. The tree has prominent views from the street and possesses a good amenity value. There is a cavity presence on the central leader/main stem and it is advised that during operation it is inspected so as to ascertain if there is any decay present. There are signs of previous pruning, otherwise the tree is displaying what appears normal in vigour and vitality. The application requests works of a crown reduction by up to 1.5m overall and remove the lowest limb on the south west sector which over hangs the entrance of the drive from the public highway. The reduction of 1.5m would be considered reasonable cyclical management for a tree of this size and maturity and would not detriment the health or the amenity value of the tree. The removal of the lower limb on the south west sector, with a diameter of 10cm, would help to improve the access to the property and reduce shading as stated in the application. This would serve to maintain a harmonious relationship between the property and the tree without detriment to it's health or amenity value.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/16/01275

(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. Beech by 1.5m overall and remove lowest limb on south west sector, within Goup G1, subject to TPO 0862.
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the tree and its importance in the local landscape.
- 3 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 02/02/2018.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.