

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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: 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 is in relation to a Field Maple tree located in Far Meadow Way, Emsworth. It forms a group TPO with other tree species on the rear boundary of the properties at the end of a cul-de-sac. The neighbouring land adjoining the boundary consists of rear gardens of residential dwellings, therefore the tree has limited views from the street scene. The base is surrounded by leaf litter and fencing therefore could not be assessed. The tree is a mature specimen that is displaying what appears to be normal in vigour and vitality with the canopy extending over the boundary to the neighbouring garden. The tree has signs of previous pruning and was inspected on a rainy day therefore the condition of the bark could not be properly examined. The application requests a crown reduction of 2m and to remove the deadwood present within the canopy for the reason of general maintenance and to reduce shading to the gardens. These works are considered in line with the cyclical management and would not detriment the health or the amenity value of the individual tree or the grouping as a whole.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/16/01264

(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 by 2m 1No. Field Maple, and remove deadwood. Subject to G2 of TPO 1076.
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 31/01/2018.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.