

3 Proposal

Crown reduction of 1no. Walnut (T1) to remove 1 metre off the spread, leaving a width of 4 metres and to reduce the height by 2 metres leaving a height of 3 metres. Tree subject to TPO 2004.

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

Councillor Brenda Linger - Hayling West

Councillor Julie Richardson

Councillor Paul Gray

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: 4

Number of site notices: Not applicable.

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 The report relates specifically to assessing the proposed works rather than generally inspecting the tree's health and condition in any great detail.

7.3 T1 walnut growing in back garden of new build property. Tree is significantly larger than the dimensions reported on the application form.

7.4 T1 is assessed as having a total canopy width and height of about of 10m.

7.5 The proposed final measurements would therefore mean that a very large volume of live material is removed – beyond that recommended in BS3998: 2010 Tree Works. Working to the British standard is a condition of any tree works consent, so these points are in conflict.

7.6 The clearance to the property is sufficient that it is not in conflict. The works will promote denser regrowth so may exacerbate any future problems.

7.7 Recommend that crown lifting of the tree to 3.5-4.0m is a more appropriate tree management operation to allow enjoyment of the garden. This is not requested on this application so a new application would be needed if the owner wished to go ahead.

8 Conclusion

It is recommended that the works to the trees should be REFUSED.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Place be authorised to **REFUSE TPO CONSENT** for application APP/24/00106 for the following reason

- 1 The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. Its proposed felling would result in undue loss and detriment to the visual amenities of the locality. It is therefore contrary to policy DM8 of the Havant Borough Core Strategy 2011 which forms part of the Local Development Framework and the National Planning Policy Framework 2023.