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| Site Address:   | 212 Havant Road, Hayling Island, PO11 0LN         |               |               |
| Proposal:       | Fell 1No. Monterey Pine (T1) subject to TPO 1021. |               |               |
| Application No: | APP/13/00943                                      | Expiry Date:  | 13/11/2013    |
| Applicant:      | Mr M Penketh                                      | Team:         | Team 1        |
| Agent:          | Mr S Jordan                                       | Case Officer: | Jamie Gargett |
|                 | S Jordan Tree Surgery                             |               |               |
| Ward:           | Hayling West                                      |               |               |

Recommendation: **REFUSE TPO CONSENT**

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## **1 Site Description**

Front garden adjacent to a highway.

## **2 Planning History**

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## **3 Proposal**

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## **4 Policy Considerations**

Core Strategies 2011 forming part of the HBLDF

DM8 (Conservation, Protection and Enhancement of Existing Natural Features)

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: 6

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 4

**Summary:** The tree is a fine specimen and no reason for its felling has been given.

**Comment:** Noted

## **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:

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.

The tree subject to this application is a very large prominent Monterey Pine.

The Pine has a large amount of deadwood present (as would be expected for a tree of this age and species) and HBC Arb has suggested that the owner have this removed under exemption ASAP in case it falls onto the adjacent highway.

The application does not refer to any structural (or other wise) problems with the tree that are a reason for the felling and as such in this instance its removal can not be justified due to the significant contribution the Pine makes to the street scene. The lifting of the tarmac area to the front of the driveway is consistent with root movement. It is possible to relay these areas of the driveway without damaging the roots or removing the tree.

HBC Arb has strongly advised that the owner arrange for the tree to be inspected by a qualified consultant so as to ensure the tree is in a safe and sustainable condition.

## **8     Conclusion**

Recommend refusal.

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## **9     RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **REFUSE TPO CONSENT** for application APP/13/00943

(A)

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

- 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. [A more appropriate course of action would be through management of the tree's size and impact through a scheme of approved surgery.] It is therefore contrary to policy DM8 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework 2012.