

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

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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: 108

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 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 The application trees are partly visible from Southleigh Road and surrounding access points. This is an area of fairly congested woodland, with some trees in poor condition.

7.4 The works are essentially in line with the ongoing management of a woodland, and the works are extensive enough that a felling licence may need to be obtained from the Forestry Commission, dependent upon timings. The applicant is advised that a woodland management plan will probably be necessary to support a felling licence of the original extent, and that the granting of a felling licence will supplant the need for consent under a TPO.

7.5 However, given that the works may not all be done at one time the works will be determined as stated.

7.6 The works will result in a very minor reduction to the visual amenity of the area. Woodlands are dynamic features, and the proposed works are focused on the health and safety of the woodland and adjacent public highways.

8 **Conclusion**

It is recommended that the works to the trees should be consented with conditions.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Executive Head of Place be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/24/00109 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 works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than one year from the date of this decision notice.

Reason: To control the timing of the works.