

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: 6

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 2

Comment	Officer Comment
I want to log my support for the Crowning of the Eucalyptus within the grounds of 16 Christopher Way Emsworth subject to TPO 1278. I would like to add however my concern over a Non-Native tree with a shallow and wide spreading root system and the damage it is currently doing to the public pavement. Not only is it already a trip hazard, it will continue to get worse increasing the probability of injury. The roots are already visible parallel to the property on the public side and the drainage at this point in the road over the years has flooded which would imply possible damage to underground services. I would urge the planning office to grant the permission, but also encourage the removal of the TPO and tree altogether to prevent rather than repair.	

ref proposal to reduce height a spread of 1no Eucalyptus tree we are pleased that at last it is to be reduce but feel that this not enough it should be removed completely .1damage to pavement which could cause injury to pedestrian 2 bark leaves seeds at various times of year block storm drain witch causes flooding across road 3 wall in danger of collapsing in to road and could cause injuries i hope you will consider my concerns	
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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 tree in question makes a positive contribution to local amenity. No reason has been provided for the work, although 'yes' has been ticked where the application form asks whether the reasons relate to alleged damage to property. If alleged damage to property is a concern, written technical advice or other diagnostic information from an appropriate expert will be required, the level of which depends on the type of damage concerned. The proposed work will have a negative impact on its health due to the creation of unnecessary pruning wounds and loss of photosynthetic area. It will also have a negative effect on the contribution it currently makes to the amenity of the local area

8 **Conclusion**

Refuse

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **REFUSE TPO CONSENT** for application APP/22/00440 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. The tree surgery proposed in the deposited application would result in excessive reduction of the tree's landscape impact and undue 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.