

Recommendation: **REFUSE TPO CONSENT**

Conservation Area: Not applicable.

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Councillor Julie Thain-Smith

Councillor Lulu Bowerman

Councillor R Kennett

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: 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 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 This application to undertake work to a tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order relates to the proposed crown reduction of one Oak tree in the rear garden of the applicant's property. As far as it was reasonable to see the tree appeared to have good vigour and vitality for its age and species. It is considered to have public amenity value as it forms part of the street scene.

The reason given for the work is sound arboricultural management however there does not appear to be a need to reduce the tree at this time. It is a mature tree which has historically heavily reduced however the regrowth is mature and no further reasons have been provided as to why the pruning is necessary or justified. The tree encroaches onto the applicant's outbuilding and it was suggested while on site that crown lifting was an option however the applicant declined this.

No objections to the application have been received.

8 Conclusion

The proposed pruning will only cause the tree to put on extensive regrowth and at this time the work is not considered necessary therefore permission should be refused.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **REFUSE TPO CONSENT** for application APP/21/01278 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. Insufficient reasons for the work have been provided and at this time the work appears unnecessary. It is therefore contrary to policy DM8 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework.