

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Reduce height by 2.5-3m and remaining canopy by 2.5-3m or to previous pruning points where already historically pruned to balance canopy (all to suitable growth points) 1No. Oak (T7); Reduce back to previous pruning points 1No. Oak (T6). Subject to TPO 1076.

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 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: 4

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Comment	Officer Comment
[redacted] We are being encouraged to plant trees , not remove them so we object to their removal .	Noted. Application has been amended to retain Oak T6

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 works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order relates to the proposed pruning of two Oak trees situated in the rear garden of 125 Brook Gardens along the rear boundary.

Both appear to be in a reasonable condition and in particular, the larger of the two provides public amenity value to the street scene. Both has been pruned over the years, the smaller, a reduction all over and the larger has had pruning of the laterals over the years. The application has been modified to retain rather than fell T6 but to reduce back to the previous pruning points. For the larger, the specification is to reduce back to previous pruning points where the laterals have been pruned before, but also to reduce the height of the tree. This is considered appropriate as it is a large tree in a modest sized garden and the reduction will not harm the health or amenity value of the tree.

8 Conclusion

The work proposed is considered to be appropriate and proportionate, therefore permission should be granted.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/21/01217

(A)

(B) for the following reasons/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