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Site Address: 2 Chiltdown Way, Waterlooville, PO7 5DT  
Proposal: 1No Oak (T1) reduce height by 4 metres to leave 16 metres. Reduce width by 3.5 metres to leave 10.5 metres. Tree subject to TPO  
Application No: APP/21/01354 Expiry Date: 17/02/2022  
Applicant: Mr C Lepley  
Agent: Mr Smith Case Officer: Maria Stewart  
Fellwood Tree Surgeons Ltd  
Ward: Stakes

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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## **1 Site Description**

2 Chiltdown Way, Waterlooville, PO7 5DT

## **2 Planning History**

98/56740/002 - Pruning of Oak tree (T1) in the rear garden subject to TPO 1182, PERM,07/07/1998  
97/56740/001 - Pruning of Oak Tree subject of Tree Preservation Order no. 1182, PERM,13/08/1997  
91/56740/000 - Remove crossing branches and reduce by 15% - 20%, rebalanc and lift to 4m crown  
of Oak covered by TPO 1182., ZHIS,09/01/1992  
04/56740/003 - Common Oak - removal of upper crown limb(s) which are a hazard to the buildings. , UNK,  
04/56740/004 - Application to reduce south east and south west branches by 4 metres of Oak tree subject to TPO 1182., PERM,26/05/2004  
71/18236 - for the erection of 71 terraced houses, UNK,25/08/1971  
GEN/12/00656 - Three (3) cuts of less than 5cm have been carried out on the lowest eastern aspect epicormic branch, One (1) cut of less than 5cm lower northern epicormic branch, Two (2) cuts of less than 3cm to the second lowest eastern epicormic branch.  
, ,18/06/2012

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## **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 Diana Patrick**

**Councillor Elizabeth (formerly Dianne) Lloyd**

**Councillor S Milne**

**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: 10

Number of site notices: Not applicable.

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 2

| Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Officer Comment                                           |
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| Referring to the application, I notice that the tree has been inspected but has been said to not be in any ill health or risk of fallen parts.<br><br>This is false as recently a limb snapped off and landed on my property leaving a substantial amount of damage which happens to be an area where our children play.<br><br>The tree is visibly rotten and on further inspection it would be obvious that there is further risk of more limbs breaking off.<br><br>I fully support the work to this tree to be done, however I would like it inspected professionally by the council and the appropriate action taken to reduce this | Noted and the Arboricultural Officer has viewed the tree. |

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| tree by more than the dimensions stated in this application.                                        |  |
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| May I politely point out the spelling mistakes. Height reduction is measured in metres, not meters! |  |

## 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 pruning of one Oak tree located in the rear garden of the applicant's property.

Upon inspection of the tree it was found to be an over mature Oak which has recently shed a large limb over the neighbouring property. There are signs of other historical limb loss within the canopy, along with dead wood and small cavities on the stem. Of greater concern is what appears to be a large split of rot pocket on a large stem growing to the south east. The tree surgeon is aware of this and will be climbing and removing this limb if necessary under the dead/dangerous exceptions of the TPO which the Arboricultural Officer agrees with.

The reduction proposed will reduce the size of the tree and weight of the limbs, whilst also retaining it, which the applicant is keen to do. This tree should be monitored on a regular basis by a suitably qualified individual given its location in an urban environment.

No objections to the application have been received.

## 8 **Conclusion**

The work proposed is considered to be appropriate and proportionate in order to reduce the end loading of the limbs and manage the tree in its location therefore permission should be granted.

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**9 RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/21/01354

(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