

APP/21/01458 - Oak (T1): Reduce in height by 2m and sides North, West and South by 2m leaving tree 7.5m in height and 3m wide. Oak (T2): Reduce in height by 2m and sides north, east and south by 2m leaving tree 7.5m in height and 3m wide. The two trees are growing almost as one. This work is general maintenance and will keep the shape of the trees as one., UNK,

3 Proposal

Crown reduce height of 1No Oak (T1 on plan) by 2m and north, west and southern sides by 2m leaving a crown height of 7.5m and crown spread of 3m; Crown reduce height of 1No Oak (T2 on plan) by 2m and north, east and southern sides by 2m leaving a crown height of 7.5m and crown spread of 3m. Subject to A1 of TPO 1206.

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 A Briggs - Cowplain

Councillor D Keast - Cowplain

Councillor Narinder Bains - Cowplain

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: 5

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 trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order relates to the proposed pruning of two Oak trees located in the rear garden of the applicant's property.

Both trees have been regularly pruned over the years to manage them in their location in a modest sized garden. The trees were viewed from the road only and have a limited public amenity value given their size and location in the rear garden. The application has not been made due to the condition of the trees, it has been made purely for maintenance and to keep the trees balanced as they are growing together almost as one crown.

No objections to the application have been received.

8 Conclusion

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

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/21/01366 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