

3 Proposal

1No. Monterey Pine (A on plan) crown lift from ground to 2m TPO 1695 within G1; 1No. Common Yew (B on plan) crown reduce height by 2m leaving 4.5m and sides by 0.5m leaving 3.5m TPO 1695 within G3; 1No. Pittosporum (C on plan) crown reduce, remove sucker growth to west (see photos) TPO 1695 within G3; 2No. Lombardy Poplars (D&E on plan) pollard to a height of 15m TPO 567; 3No. Oak (F,G&H on plan) crown reduce lateral branches on eastern side only by 2.5m to leave 3.5m, reduce back to suitable growth points TPO 567 within G5

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

Chichester Harbour Conservancy

Councillor Leah Turner - Hayling East

Councillor M Wilson - Hayling East

Councillor R Raines - Hayling East

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: 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 works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order relates to the proposed crown lifting of a small Monterey Pine (A on plan) Reduction of one Common Yew (B on plan) and one Pittosporum (C on plan) Pollarding of 2 Lombardy Poplars (D&E on plan) and reduction of the laterals of 3 Oaks (F,G&H on plan).

Pine is on the shoreline and the low branches are interfering with the public footpath, this work is minor and will not impact on the tree.

The Yew and the Pittosporum have a limited public amenity value and the work proposed is considered routine maintenance and will not impact on the trees.

The three Oaks overhang the allotment area and the laterals to the eastern sector are to be reduced by 2.5m which will have no impact on the health or amenity value of the trees.

Two Lombardy Poplars stand along the private driveway. One of the Poplars is twin stemmed at about 1m and there are concerns that this may fail in time and the Arboricultural Officer is in agreement that this is a potentially weak union. Both Poplars are mature and as they get older become weaker, brittle and prone to breakage over time. It would be sensible to reduce the trees to maintain them but manage them in their location in proximity to the driveway and pedestrians.

None of the works will have a negative impact on the street scene or public amenity value and no objections to the application have been received.

8 **Conclusion**

The works proposed are 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/21/01324 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.