

Havant Borough Local Plan (Allocations) July 2014

Listed Building Grade: Not applicable.
Conservation Area: Not applicable.

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

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

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.

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.

The subjects of this application are 3 Grey Poplar trees found behind the northern boundary wall of a dwelling with St.Helen's Road adjacent to the public highway. The base of each tree was unable to be assessed due to restricted access however the trees are mature and appear to be displaying what is normal in vigour and vitality. This species is often managed by way of pollarding which extends their useful life expectancy. These Poplars are lapsed pollards and according to the applicant were last pollarded in 1987, therefore requiring heavy maintenance. They possess a prominent presence along the roadside and add a significant public amenity value. The application requests a 4m crown reduction to each tree, which will lessen the weight of the canopy to reduce the risk of fracture failure for trees of this size and proximity to the public highway. The application also requests the removal of a secondary limb on the eastern aspect of most easterly tree. This Poplar is located close to a telegraph pole and the secondary limb, with it's smaller diameter branches, leans towards the pole. The removal of this limb would stop abrasion to the telegraph pole without detriment to the overall health of the tree or it's public amenity value.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/16/01102

(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 pruning/surgery for which consent is hereby granted shall not exceed the following: Crown reduce 1No. Grey Poplar (T1) by 4m and remove primary limb on eastern aspect. Crown reduce 2No. Grey Poplar (T2 and T3) by 4m. All trees within Area A1, subject to TPO 0963.
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the trees and their importance in the local landscape.
- 3 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 27/12/17.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.