

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Crown reduce height and spread of 1No. Oak (T1 on plan) by 2.5m, leaving a crown height of 7.5m and crown spread of 10m; crown reduce height and spread of 1No. Oak (T2 on plan) by 2.5m, leaving a crown height of 9.5m and spread of 6m. Subject to TPO 1182.

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: 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 relates to the proposed works to two Oaks that are subject to a Tree Preservation Order. These two oaks of average quality are contained within a very small rear garden which they are dominating. Both have clearly been reduced, the most recent reduction (assuming they have been reduced more than once) I am estimating to have been 3-5 years back since when they have made 1-2m of regrowth on average. They appear to be in good physiological condition and in my view can comfortably tolerate another reduction.

Given that the trees have been previously reduced and therefore are not in pristine condition, and also taking into account the very small garden they occupy, it would probably be unreasonable for the Planning Authority to refuse permission.

No reason provided for reduction has been provided but on visiting, it is self-evident that both trees need containment pruning now or in the very near future.

8 **Conclusion**

The works are considered to be appropriate and proportional, therefore permission should be granted.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/21/00763 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 13/09/2022.

Reason: To control the timing of the works.