

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

2 No. Holm Oaks T3 & T4. Crown reduce by 2 metres, leaving height of 12 metres and width of 11 metres. Crown lift to 5.5 metres over road and garden, subject to TPO 1152.

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 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: 7

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 pruning of two Holm Oaks.

The trees are mature specimens located adjacent to the front boundary of the property. Because of their size and position they are considered to be prominent specimens in the street scene. Limited work has been undertaken on them and they are now encroaching over the highway and onto the applicant's property. A detailed inspection of the base of the trees has not been undertaken as access to the property could not have been possible on the day of visiting. The application has not been submitted because of any concerns over the trees health. A limited reduction and crown lifting will alleviate the encroachment issues and maintain the shape of the trees. The reduction has been modified with the agreement of the applicant from 4m to 2m which will be less detrimental to the trees.

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/21/01017 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.