

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 Julie Thain-Smith

Councillor Lulu Bowerman

Councillor R Kennett

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: 4

Comment	Officer Comment
This application is fully supported as it will improve road and pedestrian safety along Nore Farm Avenue.	Noted
No issues with the acer work at all. Also no issues with the oak, providing the reduction is as per the photographs - this is welcomed work. The oak tree appears to be more than 15m high, if this is the case a 2m reduction would leave it more than the 13m high in the request. Access is likely to be needed to our property, either to aid the work or to clear away any debris - we are happy	Comments noted. The owner or person carrying out the work is responsible for ensuring the appropriate access and making contact where needed.

for this to be the case, we'd need to know when.	
I support the work to the oak tree as long as the crown reduction is only up to 2m as stated, this is a lovely big old oak tree wouldn't want to see it reduced too much. Does the work get monitored? Access would need to be gained into my garden to carry out the work, will I be notified of when the works will commence?	Noted. Works should be undertaken in accordance with the permission. The owner or person carrying out the work is responsible for ensuring the appropriate access and making contact where needed.
Very pleased with this proposal that is long overdue as tree owner in Havant road should have sorted this years ago	Noted

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 reduction of a Japanese Maple at the front of the property and an Oak tree within the garden of 85 Havant Road.

The Japanese Maple is now encroaching onto the road and neighbouring driveway. The tree appeared to be healthy and a reduction will not affect its health or amenity value.

The Oak to the rear is a mature specimen which now grows very low into the applicant's garden and shed. As far as it was reasonable to see from the applicant's garden the trees appeared to have a healthy crown. There is a historically damaged limb which projects towards the greenhouse which needs reducing to reduce the risk of failure. Major dead wood is to be removed along with crown lifting to 5m and a light reduction of 1.5-2m to rebalance the crown where appropriate.

No objections to the application have been received.

8 Conclusion

The work proposed will not have a negative impact on the health or amenity value of the trees, therefore permission should be granted.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/21/01027

(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 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