

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Havant Borough Local Plan (Allocations) July 2014

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

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Councillor Gwen Robinson

Councillor Mike Sceal

Councillor Peter Wade

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: 6

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Comment	Officer Comment
Whilst I have no objection to the application to reduce the crown of the oak tree as detailed in your letter dated 12 May 2021. I consider that undertaking this work in early summer when a wide range of birds are still nesting to be inappropriate. Our gardens have blue, great and coal tits nesting all of which rely on the invertebrates that live in the oak trees to feed their young, both in the nest and after fledging. We also have all three native woodpeckers and nuthatches as regular visitors to the gardens and oak trees.	It is the responsibility of the person carrying out the work to ensure nesting birds are not disturbed.

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 work to a tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order relates to the proposed pruning of one Oak tree situated in the rear garden of the property.

As far as it was reasonable to see the tree appeared healthy and sound. The work proposed is to prune the tree back to the previous pruning points to manage its size in relation to its surroundings. This work is cyclical pruning which has been previously approved over the years. The tree is showing no sign of any negative effect due to the repeated pruning therefore it is considered to be appropriate and reasonable to allow this work again.

The tree can be said to provide public amenity value to the area as it can be seen from the road and forms a backdrop to the properties. The work proposed will not dramatically affect its amenity value.

8 Conclusion

The work proposed is considered to be appropriate and proportionate and therefore permission should be granted.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/21/00471

(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