

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

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: 4

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 two mature Copper Beech trees located in the rear garden of the property. Both trees lack any amenity value as they are completely obscured from the street scene by the building. Both trees have loose shale laid around their bases. The eastern tree has a leaf pile gathered to one side and the home owner was advised this could cause the possible growth of fungus which could then effect the tree base. The western tree's base shows signs of minor mechanical damage, which should be professionally assessed for the tree's overall stability. The stated works will serve to reduce the branches over the neighbouring outbuilding as well as providing general management for a tree of this size without detriment to any local amenity quality.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/16/01103

(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 raise 2No. Copper Beech (T1 and T2) to 5m and prune to previous pruning points, subject to TPO 1070.
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.