

Recommendation: **REFUSE TPO CONSENT**

11 Ash Copse, Waterloooville, PO8 9US

APP/21/00164 - Crown reduce 1No. Ash Tree (T2) by 2-3 metres leaving crown height of 12 metres and crown spread of 9 metres, subject to TPO 1498., UNK,

Crown reduce 1No. Ash Tree (T2) by up to 3m leaving a crown height of 12m and crown spread of 9m. Subject to TPO 1498.

Conservation Area: Not applicable.

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Councillor David Jenner

Councillor E Shimbart - Hart Plain

Councillor P Bains - Hart Plain Ward

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: 8

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 work to a tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order relates to the proposed pruning of one mature Ash tree located in the rear garden of the property 11 Ash Copse.

Although the applicant is stated as the owners of 11 Ash Copse, the agent has confirmed that it is number 12 who wish the work to be undertaken but number 11 are aware of this work. A phone call was made to the tree owners and they confirmed they were aware of the application and the work proposed.

The Arboricultural Officer visited the neighbouring property at 12 Ash Copse at 4.30 pm on May 19. At that time approximately three quarters of the rear garden was in dappled shade. Most of this was cast by the subject ash tree with some contribution from other trees. The shade will be more solid when the tree is in full leaf.

Overall reduction of 2-3m would make only a slight improvement in terms of decreased shading. The Arboricultural Officer estimated that at the time of the visit the amount of reduction would have pushed the shade back to roughly level with the top of the patio steps and the bulk of the rear garden would have still been in shade. Due to the position of the tree its shade would increase from 4.30 onwards.

8 Conclusion

The tree is in an untouched state - no sign of any previous pruning. A 3 metre reduction would significantly diminish its amenity value in return for hardly any benefit to the resident at number 12 Ash Copse and for this reason it is considered that the application be refused.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **REFUSE TPO CONSENT** for application APP/21/00260 for the following reason

- 1 The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and no evidence has been provided to suggest the health of the tree is compromised. The tree surgery proposed in the deposited application would result in excessive reduction of the tree's landscape impact and undue detriment to the visual amenities of the locality. It is therefore contrary to policy DM8 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework.