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| Site Address:   | White Gates, Edward Gardens, Havant, PO9 3JJ                       |               |               |
| Proposal:       | Fell 1No. Silver Birch within Conservation Area of Old Bedhampton. |               |               |
| Application No: | APP/15/01039                                                       | Expiry Date:  | 11/11/2015    |
| Applicant:      | Mrs A Copland                                                      | Team:         | Team 1        |
| Agent:          | Mr Adam Mansell                                                    | Case Officer: | Jamie Gargett |
|                 | Hampshire Tree Services                                            |               |               |
| Ward:           | Bedhampton                                                         |               |               |

Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

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**1 Site Description**

Rear garden of dwelling.

**2 Planning History**

None

**3 Proposal**

Fell 1No. Silver Birch within Conservation Area of Old Bedhampton.

**4 Policy Considerations**

Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) March 2011

DM8 (Conservation, Protection and Enhancement of Existing Natural Features)

Listed Building Grade: Not applicable.

Conservation Area: Old Bedhampton.

**5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations**

None

**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: 3

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 0

## **7     Planning Considerations**

Having regard to the relevant policies of the development plan it is considered that the main issues arising from this application are:

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 tree subject of this application is a mature Silver Birch to be felled to ground level. The tree is one of a pair of which both have previously been pruned back hard - these works have been done without permission and are excessive and not in line with BS;3998 (2010) - after investigation at the time of pruning no evidence as to the perpetrator/s came to light and as such the investigation came to an end.

Unfortunately the works to the tree have greatly diminished its public amenity value and as such the tree does not meet with the TEMPO guidelines for making a TPO. In this instance the felling is considered acceptable in that the Council can not place a TPO on the Birch, leaving the position to reluctantly raise no objection to this S211 Notification.

## **8     Conclusion**

Recommend Raise No Objection.

## **9     RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/15/01039.