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Site Address: Land adjacent, 5 Hampton Close, Waterloooville  
Proposal: Fell 2 stems of 1No. Ash; remove all epicormics of 1No. Oak, remove first 3 laterals on south side (max. diameter 150mm) and reduce crown by 2.5m on south side; Fell 2No. Oaks. All within A2 of TPO 1101.  
Application No: APP/15/00880                      Expiry Date: 02/10/2015  
Applicant: Mr A Skeet                              Team: Team 2  
                    Havant Borough Council  
Agent:                                              Case Officer: Jamie Gargett  
Ward: Waterloo

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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**1    Site Description**

Public open space wooded copse.

**2    Planning History**

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**3    Proposal**

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**4    Policy Considerations**

National Planning Policy Framework

Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) March 2011

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**

**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: 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 site subject to this application is an overgrown wooded copse area adjacent to a number of residential dwellings.

The trees highlighted for removal and pruning are in conflict with the residents in terms of impact to sunlight and also physical bulk impaction on a garden area.

Two Oaks to be felled: These are small suppressed trees that if removed will have an impact on the amount of sunlight received in a very shady garden (Andrew Skeet - applicant) has undertaken a shade prediction exercise for this application. Their removal will not impact negatively on the area as there are larger trees in the copse that will continue to grow offer high public amenity.

Ash to be pruned: This tree is a large multi stem specimen that has large co dominant stems that are growing across an adjacent property. their removal is considered justifiable in this instance.

Oak to be pruned - routine maintenance works.

The copse requires major input in terms of management to return it to a usable public open space that is useable for the local residents. There may be a possibility that continued works can be carried out to clear the under story / bramble in the future.

The proposed works outlined within this application should not be detrimental to public amenity value.

## **8 Conclusion**

**Recommend permission.**

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## 9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/15/00880 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: Fell 2 stems of 1No. Ash; remove all epicormics of 1No. Oak, remove first 3 laterals on south side (max. diameter 150mm) and reduce crown by 2.5m on south side; Fell 2No. Oaks. All within A2 of TPO 1101.  
**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 2/10/2016.  
**Reason:** To control the timing of the works.