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| Site Address:   | Land adjacent Barn Close, Havant Road, Emsworth |               |               |
| Proposal:       | Fell 1No. Sycamore (T7) subject to TPO 1922.    |               |               |
| Application No: | APP/15/00196                                    | Expiry Date:  | 21/04/2015    |
| Applicant:      | Miss K Tolfrey                                  | Team:         | Team 1        |
| Agent:          |                                                 | Case Officer: | Jamie Gargett |
| Ward:           | Emsworth                                        |               |               |

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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## **1 Site Description**

Boundary to a field adjacent to the main Havant Road running between Havant and Emsworth.

## **2 Planning History**

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## **3 Proposal**

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## **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: Not applicable.

## **5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations**

Chichester Harbour Conservancy

## **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: 25

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 3

**Summary:** The application is to fell a sycamore which is subject to a TPO whereas the detail is to fell 7 sycamores, 2 of which are subject to TPO's. T10 has already been cut down (I understand without prior consent) and T7, which this application refers to, partially cut down before the work was stopped. The other 5 trees need to be clearly identified as they may not all be sycamores.

**Comment:** Only one tree is subject to a TPO and relevant to this application.

**Summary:** The cutting of major trees will have a significant detrimental impact on the AONB, contrary to policies DM23 and DM24 in part, and CS12 and CS13 in every respect.

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## **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.

This application is for the removal of a partly felled Sycamore. This previous work was undertaken without permission and enforcement action was taken by HBC. The tree remaining is not sustainable and as such its removal is not something that can be objected too by HBC.

A replant of an Oak is conditioned as mitigation.

Other trees not subject to a TPO are shown for removal with in this application, these trees have been assessed on site and although contribute well to the character of the road they are not considered defensible in terms of making a TPO (TEMPO guidelines). These trees are small specimens with poor form.

## **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/15/00196, 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: Fell 1No. Sycamore (T7) subject to TPO 1922..  
**Reason:** To safeguard the health and well being of the tree(s) and its/their importance in the local landscape.
- 3 The tree to be felled shall be replaced by an Oak to be planted in a position as near as practicable to the position of the tree(s) to be felled and at a height of at least two metres when such replacement planting is carried out.  
**Reason:** To conserve and safeguard the visual amenities of the locality.