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Site Address: 52 Havant Road, Emsworth  
Proposal: 1No. Sycamore, reduce western sectors by 3m; 1No. Oak, reduce western sectors by 3m; All trees within G1 of TPO 1385, subject to TPO 1094.  
Application No: APP/15/00625                      Expiry Date: 04/08/2015  
Applicant: Mr Ball                                      Team: Team 2  
Agent: Mr J Petley                                      Case Officer: Jamie Gargett  
                JP Tree & Garden Services  
Ward: Emsworth

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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**1 Site Description**

Rear garden to a residential dwelling

**2 Planning History**

None relevant.

**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**

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: 10

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

**Summary:** I have no objection to the reduction of the Sycamore trees and Field Maples, which overhang my western property boundary. But I would like to bring to your attention the Horse Chestnut tree, which is subject to a TPO, which is suffering distress caused by the presence of moth larvae, who have been attacking the leaves and preventing the tree from photosynthesizing effectively. I would therefore request that no reductive measures are taken towards this tree, as this tree is not impinging upon the light to the neighboring house. I would recommend that before any reductive action is taken there is full consultation, on site, from an Arboriculturist to assess the immediate situation and suggest the best course of remedial action. As this tree is one of the most magnificent specimens of Horse Chestnut in the Emsworth district and is over one hundred years old. I believe that every effort should be made to preserve this ancient tree.

**Comment:** Works to the mature Horse Chestnut have now been removed from this application following discussion between HBC Arb and the Agent.

## **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:

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 works outlined within this application are considered reasonable and they should not detriment either the health or public amenity value of the trees.

## **8 Conclusion**

Recommend permission as works applied for are legally substantiated in terms of cutting back from a boundary overhang.

## **9 RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/15/00625, 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: 1No. Sycamore, reduce western sectors by 3m; 1No. Oak, reduce western sectors by 3m; All trees within G1 of TPO 1385. Subject to TPO 1094.

**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 4/8/2016.

**Reason:** To control the timing of the works