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The Arboricultural Officer and I have discussed this tree and whilst it may not merit a TPO it is of value within the landscape locally.

It's presence on the boundary of the site adjacent an open field and within the context of Mill lane conservation area is part of a wider group of vegetation forming the character of the conservation area and landscape character area. There have been a number of tree removal applications locally and continued tree loss could begin to erode the local character significantly in which case protecting the best specimens is vital to conserve the character. In this case it appears its loss cannot be refused, however suitable replacements could be considered in future which the Arboricultural Officer will provide details of.

Supporting Information:

The Tree is within LCA 27 and is adjacent LCA 41 Southmoor - the link between the two Character areas are described as follows in the HBLTSCA

LCA41 South Moor and Broadmarsh coastal park: Views from LCA27 across into the open landscape of LCA41. This open landscape provides an important setting and contrast to the tight knit urban development of Langstone.

Biodiversity

- o This landscape character area is urban and provides a variety of habitats through elements such as gardens and street trees as well as through habitats existing on the periphery of the area
- o In the south there is an isolated patch of mixed plantation woodland
- o There is also a small patch of mixed plantation woodland associated with a patch of coastal grazing marsh

Historic and built environment

- o The historic character is defined by various phases of residential development. Little evidence of the former agricultural landscape survives; although where mature tree and hedge boundaries exist between properties these reflect earlier field boundaries of small regular sized geometric fields
- o Viewed from Hayling Island, Langstone appears as it was historically; a hamlet set against a rural hinterland
- o Gardens of houses lining Mill Lane help to retain a rural feel to this area.

Visual: openness/enclosure, prominence and visibility

- o Internally enclosed by the built form while the adjacent boundary vegetation also limits views out.
- o Views to the east and west are limited by the dense linear woodland and hedgerow planting along the periphery of this settlement.

Landscape and built form strategy and guidelines

The landscape strategy is to **conserve** the local character. The following guidelines apply:

Land management

- o Maintain and manage east and western vegetated boundaries
- o Protect open views across the harbour from Langstone
- o Maintain and enhance the broadleaved woodland, replacing coniferous woodland when appropriate with broadleaved species.
- o Encourage the use of field margins for ecological benefits by providing habitat through hedgerows and land that is not cultivated for farming

Kind Regards

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Consultation Attached