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Site Address: 40 Horndean Road, Emsworth, PO10 7PT  
Proposal: Reduce crown height by 1.5m, north/east/west sector by 1m and south sector by 0.5m, 1No. Yew tree subject to TPO 1935.  
Application No: APP/14/00968      Expiry Date: 11/11/2014  
Applicant: Mrs K Meves      Team: Team 2  
Agent: Mr M Reed      Case Officer: Jamie Gargett  
All Tree Solutions Ltd  
Ward: Emsworth

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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## **1 Site Description**

Rear garden to a residential dwelling. The tree is located to the southern aspect and adjacent to a wall.

## **2 Planning History**

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## **3 Proposal**

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## **4 Policy Considerations**

Core Strategies 2011 forming part of the HBLDF

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

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: 2

**Summary:** The yew tree which is proposed to be reduced provides the main bedroom window and living room of 26 Christopher Way with screening from Horndean Road. We have already lost a great deal of privacy since the felling of a large conifer at 40 Horndean Road last year and since the owners installed a large set of patio doors (in a previously windowless side of the house) which face directly at the main bedroom window and living room.

Whilst we can see that the owners may wish to tidy the shape of the yew tree, we object to the current proposals on the grounds of loss of privacy and outlook. We would be happy to discuss the matter further with the owners themselves and can provide photos if required.

**Comment:** There are no arboricultural reasons to refuse the pruning of this tree, it is a misformed specimen that requires pruning to encourage regrowth and regeneration within the crown. The works applied for should encourage the tree to thicken out and eventually provide a sustainable boundary treatment for the is part of the garden.

**Summary:** We welcome any proposed remedial work on the above yew, which has suffered years of neglect and become a very scruffy tree. We are very pleased that the new owners are now able to turn their attention to this, as they are gradually working to bring the whole property back to good condition.

**Comment:** Noted

## **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:

The tree subject of this application is a mature medium sized Yew with what appears to be reduced vigour and vitality. The tree offers a limited degree of public amenity value due to its position and condition. The works applied for should not detriment either of these factors and may encourage regeneration to the tree thus improving its overall health.

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The works will also rebalance the asymmetrical crown and improve its visual appeal.

## **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/14/00968

(A)

(B) 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 works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 11/11/15  
**Reason:** To control the timing of the works
- 3      The tree pruning/surgery for which consent is hereby granted shall not exceed the following: Reduce crown height by 1.5m, north/east/west sector by 1m and south sector by 0.5m, 1No. Yew tree subject to TPO 1935.  
**Reason:** To safeguard the health and well being of the tree(s) and its/their importance in the local landscape.