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Site Address: 22 & 23 Manor Close, Havant, PO9 1BD  
Proposal: Re-pollard 1No. Weeping Willow to previous pruning points; Crown reduce by 2m 1No. Chestnut, and Fell 1No. Ash all within St Faiths Conservation Area.  
Application No: APP/14/00261                      Expiry Date: 15/05/2014  
Applicant: Mrs L Smith                              Team: Team 1  
Agent: Mr J Farrington                              Case Officer: Jamie Gargett  
Ward: St Faiths

Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

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## **1 Site Description**

Rear garden to two residential dwellings

## **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: St Faiths

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

Landscape Team No objection  
Conservation Officer

## **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: 4

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:

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.

Willow - this is a large and mature tree offering good public amenity and contributing well to the street scene. The works applied for should not detriment this public amenity value.

Horse chestnut - A medium sized tree with a twin stem that is growing adjacent to the neighbour - the proposed works will continue to manage its size in relation to its setting. Low public amenity tree.

Ash - this tree sits in the garden of number 23 and has poor attachments to the main stems - included bark very evident which will be prone to failure as the tree grows. The tree is a medium sized early mature specimen that does not offer value to the streetscene due to poor visibility from the public arena. As such there is no objection to the proposed felling.

## **8 Conclusion**

Recommend RNO

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## **9 RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/14/00261

subject to the following conditions