



13th January 2020

Havant Borough Council
Public Service Plaza
Civic Centre Road
Havant
Hampshire

For the attention of Ms M Stewart

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: 8 Parker Gardens Waterlooville. 1No Oak. Proposal to reduce by 2m leaving a height of 8m and a width of 7m, remove 2 No broken branches on south side, subject to TPO 1386

I am very concerned by this proposal to reduce the above tree by 2metres as this would effectively decimate what is a good shaped tree which my property looks out onto and forms part of backdrop of good specimens at the back of properties fronting Park Avenue and Parker Gardens.

What concerns me most is that the application relates to a tree that has been subject to 5 previous applications by 5 previous owners all of which have been allowed to prune this tree. I am also concerned that the owner seems to want to cut it down to 8m in height leaving a 7m width, if this is the case only a tree trunk would remain with no lateral branches and your council would be responsible for agreeing to effectively remove an Oak Tree which your council listed in 1991.

Yes I can understand that to the new owners it presents a nuisance especially at leaf drop time in the autumn but the tree was in position when they purchased the property.

I think that allowing this pruning to take place will be detrimental to the overall amenity of the environment and would certainly decimate the backdrop of the treeline behind both No 8 Parker Gardens and the rear of the properties in Park Avenue.

I would also like your aboriculturalist/tree surgeon to visit the site when pruning is underway to check the height as I believe the tree to be 16m high and if it is to be left only 8m high only a trunk would remain with no 7m width of branches, as all the lower branches have been removed on previous occasions.

The removal of 2No broken branches will leave the tree out of balance and destroy its shape. I also fear for the loss of wildlife habitat as a result of its loss.

Yours faithfully

