Arboricultural statement/ Justification of tree works	Our Ref:	TPO/21JASMINE/001
	Site address:	21 Jasmine Road Hedge End
		8th October 2024

Tree works application

T001 Oak – selectively reduce crown on north side by 2-3m, max 75mm prune wound diameter (dia.). Selectively reduce crown on east and west side by 3-4m, max 75mm prune wound dia. Prune to previous prune points where appropriate. Retained dimensions 7.5N 6E 8S 7W

Location – *21 Jasmine Road, Hedge End, Southampton SO30 4SX*

Application submitted via planning portal.
Site/Location plan provided shows location of tree.

I have been instructed by the applicant to visit land at the above address and assess a single mature oak, located off site on council owned land just outside the applicants land boundary.

The details of my survey, findings and recommendations may be found separately in the submitted Tree condition Assessment (reference TCA-KC/21JASMINE/001).

This document provides additional information in support of a tree works application as required for trees subject of Tree Preservation Order (TPO).

Proposed tree works
I have recommended pruning works as detailed above.

Justification for tree works
I note in the accompanying report that:

"*The tree is a large mature tree which does provide a high degree of landscape value. The tree is in good health.*

Notwithstanding, the tree by its size and location does have a close spatial relationship with nearby gardens, most notably 21 Jasmine Road and 3 Dowd Close. As a result the height and spread of the tree does present a degree of apprehension from local residents, together with a requirement to manage overhang to gardens.

For properties on the north side of the tree, the scale and mass of the tree is such to reduce the degree of sunlight to gardens and thus reduce the reasonable use and enjoyment thereof.

The tree has recently been subject to crown reduction on the S side to alleviate issues at 3 Dowd Close. Whilst the property boundary of 3 Dowd Close is somewhat closer to the tree than 21 Jasmine Road, the distance from the tree to the dwelling is greater (14.5m to 21 Jasmine Road, 17.5m to 3 Dowd Close).

I am unaware of the reasoning behind the reduction to the south but it appears reasonable that a similar treatment to the northern half of the tree would be prudent".

Amenity assessment
I have reviewed the tree and make the following observations.

Planning Practice guidance on *Tree Preservation Orders and trees in conservation areas* states that

"In considering an application, the local planning authority should assess the impact of the proposal on the amenity of the area and whether the proposal is justified, having regard to the reasons and additional information put forward in support of it".

Furthermore, it states that:

"In general terms, it follows that the higher the amenity value of the tree or woodland and the greater any negative impact of proposed works on amenity, the stronger the reasons needed before consent is granted".

The proposed works accord with the guiding principles of *British Standard 3998:2010 - Tree work recommendations* and accompanying – of relevance being paragraph 7.2.4, table 1 and table B.1 which states that crown reduction is "*often appropriate*" in the following situations*:*

- *"To maintain health or longevity by means of good structural integrity.*
- *To protect people or property from tree failure.*
- *To manage light and shade".*

The proposed work will have negligible impact on visual amenity or long-term health and retention of the tree. The work is minor, thus significant justification is unwarranted.

Neighbour consultation
The applicant has consulted with primary stakeholders i.e. those people whose property adjoins the location of the tree; in most, if not all cases, the properties have a portion of tree crown over sailing their land.

Figure one below shows the location of consulted properties with the tree circled in white.

The following householders were included in the consultation:

- 17 Jasmine Road.
- 19 Jasmine Road.
- 23 Jasmine Road.
- 2 Dowds Close.
- 3 Dowds Close.
- 4 Dowds Close.

All neighbours support the proposed works. Copies of the consultation responses are included with the application.

Figure 1. location of tree circled with neighbours consulted pinpointed

Conclusion
I have reviewed the tree subject of the submitted application providing arboricultural consultancy to the applicant.

I consider the tree to be a healthy specimen that is deemed by local residents as somewhat overbearing. The spatial relationship between the tree has, over time, become an increasing aspect of concern for the same residents.

The identified remedial action seeks to reduce some of the crown spread of the tree; similar works having been approved on the S side in recent years. The impact of proposed works on amenity and future health and retention of the tree is considered to be minor.

I am of the opinion that the above information should allow you to make an informed decision regarding the tree, however if you feel that more information is required or wish to meet on site to discuss the matter further please do contact me.

Yours sincerely

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