
Site Address: 77 Hulbert Road, Havant, PO9 3TB
Proposal: 1 No. Oak (T1) reduce crown width by 2 metres back to previous pruning points, reduce height by 1.5 metres. Tree subject to TPO 047.
Application Type: Works to TPO Tree
Application No: APP/24/00420 Expiry Date: 29/07/2024
Applicant: Mr Larder
Agent: Mr Angus Case Officer: Tree Officer
Angus Tree Services Ltd
Ward: Bedhampton

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

77 Hulbert Road, Havant, PO9 3TB

2 Planning History

GEN/16/00507 - Request for a Tree Preservation Order for 1No. Oak, ,31/08/2016
APP/17/00390 - Crown reduction on southern sector by 2-3m, varying to account for obtaining a good shape and not a flat line, 1No. Oak. Subject to TPO 0047.,
PERM,04/05/2017
APP/21/00815 - 1no.Oak tree subject to TPO 047 - Reduce the north, east and west laterals by 2m, reduce southern laterals back to the previous pruning points. Reduce the height by 1.5m all to suitable growth points and removal of dead branches ,
PERM,04/10/2021
APP/21/00852 - Single storey rear extension., UNK,
APP/21/01177 - Single storey rear extension., PERM,17/12/2021

3 Proposal

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4 Policy Considerations

National Planning Policy Framework

Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) March 2011

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

Havant Borough Local Plan (Allocations) July 2014

Listed Building Grade: Not applicable.

Conservation Area: Not applicable.

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Councillor Liz Fairhurst - Bedhampton

Councillor Michael Lind

Councillor Phillipa Gray

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: 8

Number of site notices: At least one site notice exists - check the number.

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 0

Comment	Officer Comment

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:

- Whether the degree of pruning works requested would undermine the amenity value of this tree and whether this could also be harmful to the ongoing health and vitality of the trees.

7.2 This report relates specifically to assessing the proposed works rather than generally inspecting the tree's health and condition in any detail.

The English oak tree stands in the southwestern rear garden of the property. The tree is protected under Tree Preservation Order 047. The tree is a small mature specimen that has previously been pruned and maintained via applications: APP/17/00390 and APP/21/00815.

The tree can be viewed from the nearby public highways at Hulbert Road and Newbarn Road, where it can be glimpsed between the building line. The oak provides visual amenity, canopy cover and contributes to the ecosystem services of the area.

7.3 The tree pruning is justified on the grounds of good tree husbandry and to maintain the tree's good health and amenity value. Whilst these points are noted, it seems more likely that the pruning is requested to maintain the tree canopy to a size commensurate with the domestic garden setting the tree is growing within.

The proposed pruning works appear to be reasonable in this case.

7.4 The application form does not offer any concerns over the health and condition of the trees.

8 **Conclusion**

It is recommended that the works on the tree should be granted consent subject to conditions.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Executive Head of Place be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/24/00420 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 one year from the date of this decision notice.

Reason: To control the timing of the works.