
TO: HBC Planning Services
FROM: Consultee Hampshire County Council
Arboricultural Consultancy
SUBJECT: **12 Wensley Gardens**
DATE: Tuesday, 28 May 2024
REF: APP/24/00273
YOUR REF:

Dear Case Officer.

1. I have carried out a review of the relevant documents available on the HBC planning portal and provide the following comments. Please note this is as desktop review only, as I have not had instruction for a site visit. In the absence of a site visit I must assume any submitted descriptions and assessments of the trees and the site to be true, fair, and accurate.
2. No arboricultural information is available on the portal, therefore I assume none has been submitted.
3. Comparing the submitted drawings to Google maps I can see that there are trees, including trees subject to Tree Preservation Orders, in close proximity to the proposed work. If the alterations to the garage are on existing foundations, and there is no requirement for excavation near trees e.g for new drainage, there should be little impact from the proposal itself. However, there is potential for the construction process to damage the trees if not appropriately managed.
4. In summary, I have no concern regarding the proposal, but I recommend the following Planning Condition be used to safeguard trees.

'Before any work starts on site, a Tree Protection Plan or Arboricultural Method Statement prepared in accordance with BS 5837:2012 must be submitted to the local planning authority (LPA) for approval. This must then be adhered to by all site personnel and will be enforced by the LPA. This will include the positions and the design of physical protection methods, that will protect trees from the construction process, and details of any other special precautions necessary.'

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