
Site Address: 14 First Avenue, Havant, PO9 2QN
Proposal: 1No.Black Pine (T15) severance of tree roots to enable access
reinstatement/reconstruction, subject to TPO 0740.
Application Type: Works to TPO Tree
Application No: APP/23/00197 Expiry Date: 01/05/2023
Applicant: S Smith
Agent: Mr Ben Abbatt Case Officer: Tom Gregory
Sapling Arboriculture Limited
Ward: St Faiths

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

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2 Planning History

02/62740/001 - Crown raise up to 6-7m (which will include the removal of the 5 lowest live branches), remove dead and hanging branches on an Austrian Pine tree (T15). Crown reduce by 30% a Yew tree (T14). Both trees are at 14 First Avenue subject to TPO 740., PERM,14/08/2002

97/62740/000 - Retention of 1.52m high fence to part of south and west boundaries, TPP,21/01/1998

03/62740/002 - Retention of 1.52m high fence to part of south and west boundaries., PERM,24/04/2003

GEN/20/00670 - Advice required re TPO tree., UNK,

GEN/20/01038 - Copy docs: TPO 0740, ,22/12/2020

APP/20/01179 - Cut out roots blocking foul drain of 1No, Austrian Pine (T15). TPO 0740, UNK,

APP/23/00098 - 1No. Black Pine (T1 on plan) Selective tip reduction of branches to create an even horizontal canopy spread of 7.5m with a natural canopy form and a maximum wound diameter of 75mm. Pruning wounds to natural target pruning points; 1No. Yew (T2 on plan) crown lift to 5m over the carriageway and 3m over the remainder. Remove low (ground level to 3m) growth foliage to within 1cm of the original parent material to allow inspection. Subject to TPO 0740.

, PERM,29/03/2023

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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 Imogen Payter

Councillor Phil Munday - St Faiths

Councillor T Pike - St Faith's

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

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 these trees and whether this could also be harmful to their ongoing health and vitality.

7.2 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.

- 7.3 The report relates specifically to assessing the proposed works rather than generally inspecting the tree's health and condition in any great detail.
- 7.4 The proposed works would seek to retain the tree whilst providing an engineering solution to repair the driveway that has been damaged by the tree. The proposed works would maintain the important contribution of the tree to the amenity value of the area and would be in accordance with Policy DM8 of the Core Strategy (2011).
- 7.5 It is advised that in accordance with BS5837:2012 'Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction -Recommendations' the construction of the cellular confinement system should be set back from the stem of the tree and its above-ground root buttressing by a minimum of 50cm to allow for future growth and movement.
- 7.6 The agent details the works to excavate the existing hardstanding and measures to retain roots and protect the health of the tree which is welcomed. The local authority advises against the removal of roots greater than 25mm within a 1m radius of the stem of the tree to protect the health and safety of the tree, but the professional oversight of the agent to the works would safeguard the protection of the tree.

8 **Conclusion**

Permit

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/23/00197 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) and BS5837:2012.
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
- 3 The construction of the driveway would be undertaken with a cellular confinement system as the base course with a porous wearing course above.
Reason: In the interests of tree health and safety.