
Site Address:	Bosmere Junior School, South Street, Havant, PO9 1DA		
Proposal:	Fell 1No. Birch within Conservation Area of St Faiths.		
Application Type:	Conservation Area Tree		
Application No:	APP/23/00733	Expiry Date:	02/11/2023
Applicant:	Mr North		
	Hampshire County Council		
Agent:		Case Officer:	Peter Slegg
Ward:	St Faiths		

Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

1 Site Description

Bosmere Junior School, South Street, Havant, PO9 1DA

2 Planning History

98/53217/002 - Tree Pruning, UNK,
98/53217/003 - Notification for the intention to crown lift Whitebeam and crown lift and deadwood Turkey Oak. Crown lift various trees within landscaped areas. All these trees are within St Faiths Conservation Area.
, RNO,27/02/1998
92/53217/001 - Demolition of temporary classrooms and making good. Erection of 2 classroom extension with ancillary accommodation. (CONSULTATION ONLY), RNO,06/03/1992
03/53217/004 - Application to crown lift to 6m and reduce canopy width by 3-4m, 2 Lime trees, both within area A1 of TPO 979., PERM,19/01/2004
04/53217/005 - Fell a Sycamore (T3) and fell 3 further Sycamores within area A1 of TPO 0979., PERM,18/11/2004
04/53217/006 - Notification of intention to re-pollard 1x Willow, cut back Sycamores encroaching on flats 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31 and 33 The Parchment, all within St Faiths Conservation Area., NPW,02/11/2005
07/53217/007 - Notification of intention to reduce main fork with the fruiting bodies at its base by 30% of a mature Turkey Oak within St Faiths Conservation Area., RNO,16/04/2007
07/53217/008 - Crown lift a Sycamore tree to 2.5 metres and prune overhanging branches. Crown lift trees on south-west boundary to 2.5 metres, and crown lift trees fronting South Street to 5.5 metres within St Faiths Conservation Area., PERM,11/09/2007
10/53217/009 - It is the intention of Hampshire County Council to further protect Bosmere Junior School from issues of vandalism and unauthorised access to the school site by completing the remainder of the boundary fencing (approximately 30% of the boundary).

The remaining boundary is to be protected using palisade triple point security fencing 2.0m high the approximate location of which is shown on the attached plan. In order to allow the installation of the fencing it will be necessary to cut back a number of small branches on trees as follows and as indicated on the attached plan:

Tree 1 – *Acer pseudoplatanus* (Sycamore) to reduce one small branch by 1.5m.

Tree 2 – *Taxus baccata* (Yew) to reduce 6 branches by 1m.

Trees 3, 4, 5, 6 – *Acer pseudoplatanus* (Sycamore) to reduce one or two small branches on each of these trees by 1.5m.

Trees 7 and 8 – *Acer pseudoplatanus* (Sycamore) to fell and remove. Both these trees are young and are in a poor state.

In terms of the erection of the fencing a number of post holes will need to be dug a 2.75m spacings. The location of the posts will be determined on site in order to minimise disturbance to the roots of any trees. All post holes will be excavated using the guidance of British Standard 5837 Trees in relation to construction – Recommendations Section 11 – Demolition and construction in proximity to existing trees and in particular Page 17 paragraph 11.3.5 which read as follows:

Any excavations which have to be undertaken within the root protection area should be carried out carefully by hand, avoiding damage to the protective bark covering larger roots. Roots, while exposed, should be wrapped in dry, clean hessian sacking to prevent desiccation and to protect from rapid temperature changes. Roots smaller than 25mm may be pruned back, preferably to a side branch, using a proprietary cutting tool such as bypass secateurs or handsaws. Roots larger than 25mm should only be severed following consultation with an arboriculturalist, as they may be essential to the tree's health and stability. Prior to backfilling, any hessian wrapping should be removed and retained roots should be surrounded with sharp sand (builder's sand should not be used because of its high salt content which is toxic to tree roots), or other loose granular fill, before soil or other material is replaced. This material should be free from contaminant and other foreign objects potentially injurious to tree roots. , RNO,08/04/2010

APP/10/00029 - Hampshire County Council consultation for provision of pedestrian gate and adjacent fencing., PERM,08/06/2010

APP/10/00261 - Crown lift trees and shrubs to 3.5m in area G25 which overhangs the school play equipment which is due to be upgraded during the school holidays. Also to crown lift the same group of trees (G25) to 3.5m where they overhang the footpath on Park Road South and to prune back trees to clear street signs (3) and street lamps (3) to give clear light projection to the footpath. In addition, to crown lift to 3m and prune off school building (where applicable) to give a 1.5m clearance T21 and T22 (Cherries), T23 (Ash), T24 (Silver Birch), T26 (Sorbus), T27 (Almond), T28 (Cherry), T30 (Almond), T31 (Sorbus), T32 (Cherry) and T33 (Whitebeam). , RNO,26/07/2010

GEN/13/00418 - Proposed works to wall in Conservation Area., ,10/05/2013

GEN/14/01106 - Dangerous wall., ,14/11/2014

GEN/15/00385 - DD works, ,16/10/2014

GEN/15/01176 - General Enquiry relating to wall stabilisation at Bosmere Junior School., ,09/11/2015

APP/16/00014 - Fell 3No. Yew (T5, T7 and T12), 1No. Lime (T10) and 1No. Elder (T29), within Conservation Area of St Faiths and Area A1, subject to TPO 0979., PERM,24/02/2016

GEN/17/00204 - Consultation on special architectural or historic interest of Bosmere Junior School., UNK,01/03/2017

GEN/17/01246 - Installation of some railings to increase the safety on a dangerous corner at the school, ,26/10/2017

APP/18/00161 - Hampshire County Council application for the rebuilding of a demolished boundary wall with metal railings in place of brickwork at Bosmere Junior School., RNO,26/04/2018

APP/18/00729 - Reduce crown of Bay by 3.5 metres; Raise crown north sector of Alder to 5.5 metres; Reduce crown of 2No.Cherry trees by 1.5 metres in height and 0.5 metres laterals; Reduce crown of Magnolia by 1 metre; Raise crown of 2No. Sycamore to 4 metres and allow clearance from roof of 1 metre; Raise crown of Alder to 8 metres; Reduce crown of southern sectors of 2No. Alders by 1 metre; Reduce crown of southern sector of Rowan by 1 metre; Reduce crown of Alder by 3.5 metres in height and 1.5 metre laterals to previous pruning points; Reduce crown of Turkey Oak by 2.5 metres to previous pruning points; Crown reduce of Sycamore by 2.5 metres to previous pruning points; Remove lower north facing limb of Sycamore. All within Conservation Area of St Faiths., RNO,12/09/2018

GEN/18/01028 - Display of 2No banners., INV,

APP/20/00213 - Fell 6no young Elms (1 on plan), fell 6no young Elms (6 on plan); 2No Cherry (8 & 10 on plan) prune branches from building roof to give 2m clearance; 1No Rowan (11 on plan) prune branches away from building roof to give 2m clearance. All within Conservation Area of St Faiths.

, RNO,07/04/2020

APP/20/00214 - 2No. Limes (T5) deadwood; fell 2No. Elms (T3 & T4), subject to TPO 979 within A1 St Faiths Conservation Area., WD,31/03/2020

GEN/20/00419 - NOTICE OF INTENT TREE WORK

Felling storm damaged Ash on the schools western boundary.

,17/06/2020

GEN/20/00901 - Tree works for highway safety and to alleviate the encroachment for footpath users, ,28/10/2020

APP/20/01048 - Fell all Ash trees, approx. 130 trees, within area identified on attached plan. Within conservation area of St Faiths., WD,10/12/2020

APP/21/00143 - Fell all Ash trees, approx. 130 trees, within highlighted area identified on attached plan. Within conservation area of St Faiths. (Resubmission)., WD,17/03/2021

APP/21/00650 - Fell approx. 101 declining Ash trees within highlighted area identified on attached plan. Within conservation area of St Faiths. (Resubmission)., RNO,23/07/2021

APP/22/00748 - Fell 4No. Fraxinis excelsior (G1.11, G2.9, G2.11, G2.13); fell 4No. Acer campestre (G1.16, G1.21, G1.22, G1.23) as identified on Plan 2, fell for implementation of the road widening scheme. Possible further felling of 8 additional trees within G2, 1No. Prunus avium - G2.7; 6No. Fraxinis excelsior - G2.10, G2.19, G2.20, G2.22, G.23 & G.24; and 1No. Acer campestre - G2.18). Within Conservation Area of St Faiths.

, RNO,25/10/2022

APP/22/00946 - 1No Sycamore (T1) prune laterals away from building to appropriate union, leaving 2.5 metre clearance from building. Fell 1No Field Maple (T2). Trees within conservation area of St Faith's., RNO,10/11/2022

GEN/22/00938 - Removal of tree stumps, replacing astro turf, and installing umbrella canopies at Grade II Listed Building., NFA,20/07/2023

APP/22/01052 - DUPLICATED APPLICATION Installation of 2No. (5x5 metre) freestanding umbrella canopies within a proposed astroturf hard standing adjacent to the existing playing field, UNK,

APP/22/01053 - Listed Building Consent for the installation of 2No. (5x5 metre) freestanding umbrella canopies within a proposed astroturf hard standing adjacent to the existing playing field, UNK,
APP/22/01211 - HCC Consultation for the works are to install two number (5x5 metre) freestanding umbrella canopies within an Astroturf hard standing adjacent to the playing field.
, RNO,10/01/2023
GEN/23/00841 - Notice of intent to fell 1No. Elm and 1No. multi stemmed Willow under section 211 notice., ,

3 Proposal

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4 Policy Considerations

National Planning Policy Framework
Havant Borough Council Borough Design Guide SPD December 2011
Havant Borough Council Parking SPD July 2016

Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) March 2011

Havant Borough Local Plan (Allocations) July 2014

Emsworth Neighbourhood Plan Post Examination Version 2020

Listed Building Grade: Not applicable.
Conservation Area: St Faiths

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Conservation Officer

Councillor Gillian Harris

Councillor Imogen Payter

Councillor Phil Munday - St Faiths

Landscape Team, Havant Borough Council

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No landscape objection.

Kind regards,

Harry Mitchell CMLI
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Havant Borough Council

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: 40

Number of site notices: Not applicable.

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Comment	Officer Comment
Has this tree been examined by a tree surgeon to deem it is unsafe?	Addressed in the officers report.

Summary:

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:

- (i) Principle of development
- (ii) Impact upon the character and appearance of the area
- (iii) Impact upon residential amenity

(i) Principle of development

The application site is situated within an urban area where further development is considered acceptable subject to the usual development control criteria.

(ii) Impact upon the character and appearance of the area

(iii) Impact upon residential amenity

- 7.2 The report relates specifically to assessing the proposed works rather than generally inspecting the tree's health and condition in any great detail.
- 7.3 The Council seeks to protect tree coverage in the Borough, but when considering a section 211 notice the Council must consider the impact of the proposed works to the amenity value of the tree and its contribution towards preserving and enhancing the character and appearance of the Conservation Area to determine if it justifies protection by a TPO.
- 7.4 When considering the amenity value, the Council is advised by National Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) 'Tree Protection Orders and Trees in Conservation Areas'. The PPG state a number of criteria for the Council to consider, which include visibility, size and form, future potential, rarity, cultural/historical value, relationship with the landscape and contribution to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.
- 7.5 After receiving the comments from the Council Landscape Architect and considering national guidance the local authority does not believe the proposed works to the tree would justify its protection with a TPO. A public comment queried if the tree has been examined by a tree surgeon. It is the opinion of the local authority that given the tree has a lean towards a high risk target zone of the school, and the lean could be further exaggerated by the loss of surrounding trees, the authority accepts that intervention is necessary to remove the tree.
- 7.6 The landowner is not required to plant a replacement, but they are encouraged to, which would protect and enhance the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and the biodiversity habitat. A field maple tree (*Acer campestre*) would be a suitable replacement.
- 7.7 The proposed works would not have a significant detrimental impact on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and would be acceptable, in accordance with Policy CS11, CS16 and DM8 of the Core Strategy (2011).

8 Conclusion

Raise no objection.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Place be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application
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