
Site Address: 30 Grassmere Way, Waterloo, PO7 8RT
Proposal: Crown reduce height and spread of 3No. Oak trees (T1, T3 and T5) by 4 metres, leaving a crown height of 14m and a crown spread of 8 metres, fell 1No. Oak tree (T2) as in poor health and of low amenity value, crown reduce height and spread of 1No. Oak Tree (T4) by 4 metres, leaving a crown height of 14m and a crown spread of 6 metres, crown reduce height and spread of 1No Oak Tree (T6) by 4 metres, leaving crown height of 14 metres, crown spread of 8 metres and removal of 1No. rotten branch overhanging 32 Grassmere Way, crown reduce height of 1No. Lilac tree (T7) by 4-6 metres leaving crown height of 6-4 metres and removal of branches or foliage overhanging the garden of 32 Grassmere Way. Subject to G1 of TPO 1206.
Application Type: Works to TPO Tree
Application No: APP/23/00158 Expiry Date: 19/04/2023
Applicant: Mr Dadd
Agent: Mr Dinanage Case Officer: Tom Gregory
Hambledon Trees Limited
Ward: Cowplain

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

30 Grassmere Way, Waterloo, PO7 8RT

2 Planning History

99/64562/000 - Crown reduce by 20% and crown raise up to 5 metres 6 Oak trees within Group G1 s
subject to TPO 1206, PERM,08/10/1999
09/64562/001 - Crown reduce by 20%, crown thin by 20% and crown raise to 5m 6No. Oak trees, subject to TPO 1206., PERM,18/09/2009
APP/10/00012 - Prune 2No. Oak trees to previous points, remove Cypress hedge and fell 4No. further Oak trees subject to TPO 1206., REF,07/01/2011
APP/14/00474 - Crown reduce by 3m, crown raise by 5m 6No. Oak trees and remove dead limb on 1No. Oak tree, all within G1 of TPO 1206., PERM,23/06/2014

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 D Keast - Cowplain

Councillor Narinder Bains - Cowplain

Councillor Neil Bowdell - Cowplain

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: 7

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 proposed works are a continuation of previous pruning works to manage the trees, but also include the removal of one oak tree. Whilst it is disappointing to see the removal of a protected tree, it is accepted that the tree is in a poor condition and unlikely to improve. A replacement tree will be required, in accordance with The Town and Country Planning Act (1990) and in time, it is hoped that the replacement tree will grow to a mature age that will mitigate the loss of the existing tree.
- 7.4 The proposed works would maintain the important contribution of the trees to the amenity value of the area and would be in accordance with Policy DM8 of the Core Strategy (2011).

8 Conclusion

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

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/23/00158 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 felling for which consent is hereby granted and the replacement planting specified in conditions 3 and 4 above shall be completed no later than one year from the date of this decision notice.

Reason: To control the timing of the works.

- 3 The tree felling (Applicants reference T2 within G1 of TPO 1206) for which consent is hereby granted shall not commence until a detailed scheme and specification for replacement tree planting on an adjacent part of the site has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority; such specification shall include details of the species and size of such replacement planting.

Reason: To conserve and safeguard the visual amenities of the locality.

- 4 In the first planting season following the date of felling; 1 replacement oak tree is planted. The tree should be a minimum 1.5 metres tall at the time of planting and should comply with BS8545:2014 and BS3936:Part 1:1992. It should be planted at or near the site of the existing tree.

If within a period of three years any tree planted as a replacement is cut down, felled, uprooted, removed, or die, or becomes in the opinion of the Council seriously damaged or defective:

- a) the Council shall be notified as soon as is reasonably practicable; and
- b) another tree of the same species and size shall be planted in the same location at a time agreed in writing with the Council unless the Council agrees to dispense with or vary the requirement.

Reason: To conserve and safeguard the visual amenities of the locality.