
Site Address: 26 Douglas Gardens, Havant, PO9 5TG
Proposal: Fell 1No. Monterey Cypress tree, within G2 of TPO 1499.
Application Type: Works to TPO Tree
Application No: APP/22/00500 Expiry Date: 29/06/2022
Applicant: Mrs L Letts
Agent: Case Officer: Tom Gregory
Ward: Bondfields

Recommendation: **REFUSE TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

26 Douglas Gardens, Havant, PO9 5TG

2 Planning History

GEN/11/00996 - Proposed car port to side of house, ,25/07/2011 14:18:22
GEN/12/00010 - Proposed provision of Log Cabin in rear garden, ,04/01/2012
APP/15/00385 - Two storey side extension and porch to front elevation,
REF,21/07/2015
54/03141 - Outline for layout of roads and plots for the erection of 566 dwellings,
UNK,31/08/1954
APP/16/00453 - Crown raise by 2M, and crown reduce all over by 3M, 1No. Monterrey
Cypress. Subject to Group G2 of TPO 1499., PERM,06/06/2016
APP/21/00658 - Crown reduce western sector of 1No. Horse Chestnut (T44) by 1m to
provide minimum clearance of 2m from 26 Douglas Gardens; 1No. Monterey Cypress
(part of Group G2) remove dead wood, remove hanging limbs, crown clean. Both
trees subject to TPO 1499., PERM,23/07/2021

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 Alex Rennie

Councillor Richard Stone

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: 10

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 tree in questions makes a positive contribution to local amenity. Reasons provided for the removal of this tree relate to loss of light and seasonal debris. However, complete tree removal is considered an excessive response to such matters. Insufficient evidence has been submitted to justify the proposals and the work will have a negative impact on local amenity.

8 **Conclusion**

Refuse

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **REFUSE TPO CONSENT** for application APP/22/00500 for the following reason

- 1 The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. Its proposed felling would result in undue loss and detriment to the visual amenities of the locality. [A more appropriate course of action would be through management of the tree's size and impact through a scheme of approved surgery.] It is therefore contrary to policy DM8 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework.