

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

APPLICATION No.	APP/23/00147
LOCATION	39 Portsdown Hill Road, Havant, PO9 3JU
PROPOSAL	Proposed front brick boundary wall at 1.8m high and two gates facing the highway.
RECOMMENDATION	Approval, subject to conditions
DATE	26 th April 2023

Reasons for Recommendation

The Council seeks to protect tree coverage in the Borough, sympathetically incorporating existing features into the overall design of a scheme, including measures to ensure their continued survival.

The proposed development is for a brick boundary wall at the front of the property within the Root Protection Area (RPA) of a mature cedar tree that is subject to a Tree Preservation Order (2128). The tree is clearly visible from the surrounding public areas and has a high amenity value.

The supporting information outlines the tree protection measures and the construction techniques, reusing the existing footings of a wall where possible, to reduce the potential detrimental impact of the development on the tree. Excavations, if required, are to be undertaken by hand in accordance with the with the British Standard 5837:2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations and detailed in the supporting report Arboricultural Impact Appraisal and Method Statement Reference AIA/AMS-KC/39PORTSDOWN/001.

The proposed works, when undertaken with the conditions listed below would ensure the protection of the cedar tree and would be in accordance with Policy CS16 and DM8 of the Havant Core Strategy (2011).

Recommended Conditions:

Approval subject to the following conditions;

Tree protection measures:

No development, including site clearance, shall commence on the site until all trees that are to be retained within or adjacent to the site have been enclosed with temporary protective fencing in accordance with BS:5837:2012 'Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction Recommendations' as shown on approved drawing TPP-KC/39PORTSDOWN/001 and detailed in the Arboricultural Impact Appraisal and Method Statement Reference AIA/AMS-KC/39PORTSDOWN/001. The fencing shall be retained throughout the period of construction and no activity prohibited by BS:5837:2012 shall take place within such protective fencing during the construction period.

Reason: To safeguard the continued health and presence of such existing vegetation and protect the amenities of the locality and having due regard to policies CS16 and DM8 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

Foundations - Hand digging excavations:

Any excavation work, including foundations, within the existing crown spread of the tree covered by TPO 2128 shall be carried out only by hand in accordance with the Arboricultural Impact Appraisal and Method Statement Reference AIA/AMS-KC/39PORTSDOWN/001. Any roots over 25mm in diameter shall not be severed and if exposed should be packed with sphagnum moss and wrapped

with hessian to prevent the entry of rot causing fungi and micro-organisms. No roots shall be left exposed to the air, water, snow or frost for more than two hours without appropriate protection.
Reason: To ensure the tree is not adversely affected by the construction of the development and having due regard to policies CS16 and DM8 of the Havant Core Strategy (2011) and the National Planning Policy Framework.