
Site Address: 103 Sutton Road, Waterloooville, PO8 8PT
Proposal: Reduce height of No.2 Oak trees by 28m back to trunk splits at approx.
2m from ground level, subject to TPO 1588.
Application No: APP/21/00186 Expiry Date: 30/04/2021
Applicant: Mr Nicholas Chedzey
Agent: Case Officer: Andrew Skeet
Ward: Hart Plain

Recommendation: **REFUSE TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

103 Sutton Road, Waterloooville, PO8 8PT

2 Planning History

04/60218/000 - Crown reduce by 30% an Oak tree (T2) of TPO 1588.,
PERM,08/02/2005
05/60218/001 - Application to crown reduce by 30% an Oak tree, T11, subject of TPO
1588., PERM,23/11/2005
05/60218/002 - Application to fell a Cherry tree and 20% reduction of two Crab Apple
trees (T9 & T10) of TPO 1588., PERM,01/03/2006
06/60218/003 - Rear conservatory., PERM,10/10/2006

3 Proposal

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level, subject to TPO 1588.

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 David Jenner

Councillor E Shimbart - Hart Plain

Councillor P Bains - Hart Plain Ward

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: 2

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 2

Comment	Officer Comment
I like trees and these ones form a major wildlife corridor from the Wecock estate down to Soake Pond (Billy's Lake). I would be happy for the trees to be reduced in height by half thus maintaining the corridor. But to reduce them to 2m is more like removal. The trees are used by a multitude of birds and other wildlife for nesting and also absorb the carbon dioxide in the air and then release water vapor and oxygen. Several trees have recently been removed from 105 Sutton Road and I feel that this further reduction could also damage the foundations of the houses nearby due to root shrinkage. There is already some subsidence in nearby houses and this could exacerbate this issue.	Comments noted.
I couldn't but help notice an application to reduce the trees from 30m to 2m which is effectively a stump. The applicant has not provided any sound reasons as to why this drastic action is	Comments noted.

needed, it seems more of 'this is what has happened next door' and future fears.	
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I'm not sure the extent of TPO's covering trees along Sutton Road as there are few proper applications. The trees seem to vary from no work done, proper management, poor management to removal. Overall there is a loss of trees. The line of trees are important ecologically and should be managed and retained.	
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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 This application to undertake works to two Oak trees is, effectively, to fell 2 mature oak trees in the rear garden of the property.

The Arboricultural Officer has not been out to view the trees due to COVID 19 restrictions therefore the application is based purely on the information provided within the application form and the submitted photograph.

The applicant states/is concerned about:

- the work will reduce shade and allow garden plants to flourish;
- damage to walls and drains occurred 25 years ago;
- the trees are in a very windy position adjacent to open fields;
- roots may be reaching the house or beneath it.

At Q7 of the application form, the applicant has not confirmed that there are or are not concerns about the safety of the trees and has not confirmed that they are or are not causing damage. The applicant has merely referred to answers provided to Q7 on previous applications.

Two objections to the application have been received.

8 **Conclusion**

As there has been no professional arboricultural advice submitted to support or justify the extent of the works it is considered that the proposed work is excessive and will be detrimental to the health and amenity value of the trees, therefore permission should be refused.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **REFUSE TPO CONSENT** for application APP/21/00186

(A)

(B) for the following reasons/subject to the following conditions

- 1 The trees are significant features in the local landscape and no written report from an appropriate expert has been submitted with the application to support the need for this work. The tree surgery proposed in the deposited application would result in excessive reduction of the trees' landscape impact and undue detriment to the visual amenities of the locality. It is therefore contrary to policy DM8 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework.