

Site Address: 169A The Dale, Waterlooville, PO7 5JH

Proposal: Sycamore (T1) - Crown raise on north side (over school access) to 6m by removing 2x lateral limbs of approx. 75mm diameter and approx. 3m length. Crown raise on east side (over access to 169a The Dale) to 5m by removing 1x lateral limb of approx. 75mm diameter and approx. 4.5m length. Subject to TPO 1178.

Application No: APP/21/00233 Expiry Date: 26/04/2021

Applicant: Mr Badial

Agent: Case Officer: Andrew Skeet

Ward: Purbrook

1 Site Description

2 Planning History

3 Proposal

4 Policy Considerations

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Councillor Gary Hughes

Councillor Husky Patel

Councillor Ms C Howard - Purbrook 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: 11

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Comment	Officer Comment
I wholeheartedly support the application to prune this tree and fail to see why the original application was refused. In my opinion the tree does not enhance the local amenity, is not a significant feature, has no historic or rarity value (a sycamore can often be regarded as a weed)and is choked with ivy. I was surprised to note that there is a tree preservation order on this Sycamore. Having lived in this area for many years, I believe that this is a self seeded tree.	Comments noted.

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 work to a tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order relates to the proposed pruning of one Sycamore tree located at the front of the property.

The tree appeared in reasonable condition and no information has been provided to suggest otherwise. Following a site visit to view the tree, with the applicant's agreement the description of work has been amended to ensure that the work will not have a detrimental effect on the health or amenity value of this modest Sycamore.

8 Conclusion

The initial description of work was considered to be excessive removal of limbs which would not have been in keeping with good arboricultural practice and not necessary to achieve satisfactory clearance under the tree. The revised description will provide the necessary clearance and will not harm it therefore permission should be granted.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/21/00233

(A)

(B) for the following reasons/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 works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than one year from the date of this permission.
Reason: To control the timing of the works