
Site Address: 52 Southleigh Road, Havant, PO9 2QH
Proposal: Crown reduce height of 1No. Oak (T1) by 1.5m to rebalance, crown lift to 5.5m over road and 4m over garden. Remove 1No. lower limb situated at 2m from ground (south west side of stem) of 1No. Copper Beech (T2). Subject to TPO 2045.
Application No: APP/20/00546 Expiry Date: 10/09/2020
Applicant: Mr Cook
Agent: Mr J Petley Case Officer: Maria Stewart
 JP Tree & Garden Services
Ward: St Faiths

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

52 Southleigh Road, Havant, PO9 2QH

2 Planning History

GEN/15/00636 - Enquiry to demolish a house and build new houses on existing land and access., 17/03/2016 13:53:47
GEN/15/01270 - Tree enquiry., 16/12/2015
APP/16/00101 - Plot severance and erection of 2 No. 3 bedroom detached dwellings. Associated access and parking for both dwellings. (Revised), PERM, 23/08/2016

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 Guest - St Faith's

Councillor J Branson - St Faiths

Councillor T Pike - St Faith's

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 support this application, necessary when trees have grown too much in a suburban environment.	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 works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order relates to the proposed pruning of one Copper Beech and one Oak tree.

The Copper Beech is located in the rear garden of the property. There is one small limb growing low over the garden and the intention is to remove the limb to create more clearance beneath the canopy.

The Oak is located at the front of the property on the boundary with Southleigh Road. It is a relatively small maturing specimen which offers amenity value given its location on the street frontage.

Branches are now hanging low over the garden and road and the intention is to crown lift to provide adequate clearance beneath the canopy. A crown reduction is also proposed. The specification of the reduction has been modified to 1.5m with the agreement of the applicant to ensure the tree is not negatively impacted by the work. The reduction will allow for the canopy to be rebalanced over the road and garden.

No objections to the application have been received.

8 **Conclusion**

The work proposed is considered to be appropriate and proportionate and therefore permission should be granted.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/20/00546 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 decision notice.
Reason: To control the timing of the works