
Site Address: 71 Corbett Road, Waterlooville, PO7 5TA
Proposal: Pollard 2No. Poplars (T1 and T2) back to existing pollard points and remove epicormic growth from the main stem, subject to TPO 1748.
Application No: APP/20/00335 Expiry Date: 06/07/2020
Applicant: Mr Hopkins
Agent: Mr Davies Case Officer: Maria Stewart
Ward: Stakes

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

71 Corbett Road, Waterlooville, PO7 5TA

2 Planning History

APP/12/00099 - Reduce Poplar tree (T1 and T2) by 4m all round, subject to TPO 1748., PERM,23/03/2012

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 Diana Patrick

Councillor Dianne Lloyd

Councillor S Milne

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: 15

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 4

Comment	Officer Comment
We support the reduction in tree size as the tree takes a significant amount of light, and the size poses a risk to neighbouring properties.	Comments noted
I support the above application because the noise from the trees when in full leaf and in windy conditions is deafening. This leaves us to close all windows on the back of our property even in relatively mild conditions.	Comments noted
We are happy to see the trees reduced in size as they take a lot of light out of the garden also if it's windy they are very noisy. The worry with them is that if they did fall in strong winds then could cause considerable damage to our house. Also how much water do they take out of the ground.	Comments noted
I support the decision to reduce the size of these trees. They are unnecessarily large blocking a significant amount of sunlight, they also would cause major damage to nearby properties which at their current size they could easily reach.	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 two Mature Poplars located in the rear garden of the property.

The application is to reduce the trees back to the previous pruning points as they have become too large.

A desk based assessment has been made due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Photos have been provided showing the crown of the trees to be healthy and vigorous.

The application history for the trees shows they were last reduced in 2012. Extensive re-growth has formed which may be prone to breakage from weak branch attachments. The intention to prune back to the previous pruning points is an appropriate action to take given the trees size and location.

No objections to the application have been received.

8 Conclusion

The work proposed is considered to be necessary and proportionate and will not harm the health of the trees, therefore permission should be granted.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/20/00335 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 1 year from the date of this decision.

Reason: To control the timing of the works.