
Site Address: 10 Pine Grove, Havant, PO9 2RW
Proposal: Crown reduce 1No. Yew Tree (T3) by 1.5m. Crown lift to 4m and remove epicormic growth, subject to TPO 0867.
Application No: APP/20/00196 Expiry Date: 02/06/2020
Applicant: Mr Johnstone
Agent: Mr Mansell Case Officer: Maria Stewart
Hampshire Tree Services
Ward: St Faiths

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

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2 Planning History

96/58477/001 - Light crown reduction and removal of 1 limb of a Holly tree and reduction by 1 m

tree overall plus removal of 2 limbs of a Yew tree: both covered by TPO 867, PERM,28/03/1996

93/58477/000 - Pruning of Holly and Yew covered by TPO 867, REF,

APP/10/00668 - Prune back so branches do not touch the dwelling, crown raise to no higher than 3.0 metres above the ground level and crown clean to remove dead, dying, rubbing and crossing branches to 1No. Yew tree subject to TPO 0867., PERM,01/12/2010

GEN/10/00754 - Proposed window to allow light into stairwell, ,25/10/2010 16:11:40

APP/12/00392 - Reduce 1No. Yew tree (T3) in height by 1.5m and width by 1m.

Crown lift to 4m and remove any dead crossing or epicormic branches. Tree subject to TPO 0867. , PERM,15/05/2012

GEN/15/00333 - Works to overgrown hedge, ,24/03/2015

GEN/19/00023 - Proposed extension / loft conversion, ,28/01/2019 13:57:32

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: 4

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Comment	Officer Comment
The proposals within this application are most welcome by us residing in Oaklands Road. The Yew tree gives character to the road and provides amenity value to wildlife but in the 8 years since the last tree surgeon's visit it has grown considerably and is now causing light deprivation problems on this side of the boundary. I for one would be willing to move my vehicle from its parking space opposite the tree to make access easier for a cherry picker if needed.	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 mature Yew tree located in the rear garden of the property.

As far as it was reasonable to see the tree appeared to have good vigour and vitality for its age and species.

Because of its size and position the tree is considered to have public amenity value.

It is beginning to encroach the neighbouring property so a crown reduction and crown lift has been applied for to reduce the encroachment over the applicant and neighbour's garden.

The reduction has been modified with the agreement of the agent to lesser works which will not be detrimental to the health or amenity value of the tree.

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/20/00196 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.

Reason: To control the timing of the works.