
Site Address: 125 Brook Gardens, Emsworth, PO10 7LL
Proposal: Fell 1No. Oak (T1 on plan). Subject to TPO 1076.
Application No: APP/20/00355 Expiry Date: 01/07/2020
Applicant: Mr Higgs
Agent: Mr Miller Case Officer: Maria Stewart
Professional Tree Solutions
Ward: Emsworth

Recommendation: **REFUSE TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

125 Brook Gardens, Emsworth, PO10 7LL

2 Planning History

00/65694/000 - Reduce the southern sector by 30% and thin by 10% a Field Maple (T8). Reduce the eastern sector by 30%, reduce the south east sector by 10% and thin by 20% an Oak tree (T7). Reduce the northern sector by 30%, thin by 10% and the removal of lower limbs which are dead on an Oak tree (T6). All three trees are subject to TPO1076., PERM,14/11/2000
00/65694/001 - Crown reduce the western sectors of a Field Maple (T8) and two Oak trees (T6-T7). All three trees are in the rear garden of 125 Brook Gardens and subject to TPO 1076, PERM,08/12/2000
05/65694/002 - Tree works., UNK,
06/65694/003 - Application to crown reduce southern side by 20% and crown thin by 10% a Field Maple (T8), to crown thin by 10% and crown reduce by 20% the south east side of an Oak tree (T7) and 10% crown thin and 20% crown reduction to the northern side an Oak tree (T6) all subject of TPO 1076., ,15/02/2006
APP/15/00034 - Single storey rear extension to replace conservatory., PERM,25/02/2015
GEN/15/01128 - TPO check., ,06/11/2015
APP/16/00126 - Crown reduce western sector by 2.5m 2No. Oaks (T6 and T7)., PERM,14/03/2016
APP/17/00544 - Crown reduce by 2m northern sector 1No.Oak (T6); crown reduce by 2m to northern and eastern sectors 1No.Oak (T7), subject to TPO 1076., PERM,15/06/2017

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 Julie Thain-Smith

Councillor Lulu Bowerman

Councillor R Kennett

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: 5

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 2

Comment	Officer Comment
Although it will be sad to see this lovely tree go, we do support this application because If it grows out more at an angle, it could take more light from our garden and , by removing the smaller tree, it might improve the shape and health of the larger tree next to it.	Comments noted
Trees are important to us all for air quality and wildlife and the tree in question should remain. It already has a TPO on it and there is no reason to fell it. It is part of a line of Oaks and Field Maples which have stood for over 100years plus and give beauty and pleasure to the area.	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 felling of one small, mature Oak tree located in the rear garden of the property.

The Oak is suppressed by a much larger specimen however the smaller Oak subject to this application still forms part of the canopy of the larger tree, which when viewed from the road, contributes to the public amenity of the area.

The application to fell is not based on its condition. The tree has been poorly pruned in the past and most of its canopy now hangs over the neighbouring rear boundary but as far as it was reasonable to see it appeared to have good vigour and vitality for its age and species.

8 Conclusion

The removal of this tree will be potentially detrimental to the public amenity value it provides when viewed from the street.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **REFUSE TPO CONSENT** for application APP/20/00355 for the following reason

- 1 The tree forms part of the lower canopy of the larger mature Oak in the garden. Its removal will leave a gap in the trees canopy which would be visible from the road and have a negative impact on the public amenity value it has.