
Site Address: 1 Woodbury Avenue, Havant, PO9 1RH
Proposal: Fell 2No. Ash trees & 1No. Yew tree. Subject to TPO 2035.
Application No: APP/20/00498 Expiry Date: 19/08/2020
Applicant: Mr Brooks
Agent: Mr Angus Case Officer: Maria Stewart
Angus Tree Services
Ward: St Faiths

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

1 Woodbury Avenue, Havant, PO9 1RH

2 Planning History

GEN/14/00606 - Proposed two storey extension., ,13/06/2014 17:27:25
APP/14/01081 - Two storey side extension. New porch to front and other alterations.,
PERM,19/12/2014
APP/15/00897 - Double garage with multi-use room over. Renewal of panel fencing
to west boundary new masonry wall to south boundary (front) including new dropped
kerb (approved 14.11.2016). Request to Discharge Condition 2 (21.06.2017).,
PERM,14/11/2016
GEN/17/00625 - Proposed erection of fence, pergolas and greenhouse., UNK,
APP/17/00667 - Tree works., UNK,
GEN/20/00601 - Installed heat pump , INV,

3 Proposal

Fell 2No. Ash trees & 1No. Yew tree. Subject to TPO 2035.

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: 7

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 0

Comment	Officer Comment

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 felling of two Ash trees and one small Yew located adjacent to the driveway of the property, on the western boundary.

The Yew tree has no public amenity value as it is a small suppressed specimen which has been planted in the wrong location beneath a large Beech tree.

The two Ash trees are considered to have public amenity value given their presence in the street scene.

The condition of the two Ash is slowly deteriorating, as they are showing early signs of Ash dieback disease. Dead wood is visible within the canopies and given their location over a pedestrian footpath it is not considered to be reasonable or appropriate to refuse this application given their limited safe useful life expectancy.

The trees are to be replaced with two new trees which will, in time, provide amenity value to the street scene.

No objections to the application have been received.

8 **Conclusion**

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

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/20/00498 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.

- 3 In the first planting season following the date of felling; 2 replacement trees are planted. The trees should be a minimum 1.5 metres tall at the time of planting and should comply with BS3936:Part 1:1992. They should be planted equally spaced between the existing Beech tree and the driveway entrance where the two Ash were located. They should also be selected from the following species:

1. Fagus sylvatica (Beech)
2. Fagus sylvatica f. purpurea (Purple Beech)
3. Quercus robur (Oak)

or such other size, species, location or period of time as may be agreed in writing with the Council.

If within a period of three years any tree planted as a replacement is cut down, felled, uprooted, removed, or die, or becomes in the opinion of the Council seriously damaged or defective:

- a) the Council shall be notified as soon as is reasonably practicable; and
- b) another tree of the same species and size shall be planted in the same location at a time agreed in writing with the Council unless the Council agrees to dispense with or vary the requirement.

Reason: To conserve and safeguard the visual amenities of the locality.