
Site Address: 9 Langstone Road, Havant, PO9 1RA
Proposal: Selective 3 metre crown reduction and rebalance of the crown and crown lift to 6m from ground level. Subject to TPO 1406.
Application No: APP/20/00261 Expiry Date: 20/05/2020
Applicant: Mrs Wareham
Agent: Mr D Farrington Case Officer: Maria Stewart
Sycamore Tree Surgeons
Ward: St Faiths

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

9 Langstone Road, Havant, PO9 1RA

2 Planning History

90/53029/005 - Retention of building to side of house for single garage and workshop., PERM,
00/53029/009 - Crown reduce by 30% and crown raise up to 3.5m a Lime tree (T1) subject to TPO1406., PERM,08/11/2000
92/53029/007 - Conversion of garage roof space to form additional bedroom., PERM,
04/53029/010 - Application to crown lift to 3.5m, crown thin by 15% a Lime tree (T1) subject of TPO 1406., PERM,10/11/2005
90/52815/001 - Erection of detached dwelling fronting Woodbury Avenue., REF,22/02/1990
10/53029/011 - Crown lift by 5m and crown thin by 15% a Lime tree subject to TPO 1406., PERM,23/04/2010
APP/11/00079 - Single storey front extension to garage. , PERM,23/03/2011
APP/13/01174 - Fell 1No Cypress (T1)subject to TPO 1246, WD,03/12/2013
GEN/16/00282 - Removal of deadwood from 1No. Lime tree covered by TPO., ,08/03/2016

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: 6

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 work to a tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order relates to the proposed pruning of one Lime tree located adjacent to the front boundary of the property.

The reasons given for the application are to increase light and make safe but no details as to any structural or health concerns were provided with the application. When discussing with the owner on site the main concern is the tree's proximity to road and footpath users.

The tree is a large mature specimen with significant public amenity value. As far as it was reasonable to see the tree appeared to have good vigour and vitality for its age and species. There is evidence of previous crown reduction having been undertaken and ivy has recently been stripped from the trunk. A couple of broken branches were hung up in the canopy and need removing.

The canopy of the tree is unbalanced, with over extended limbs growing to the east. This is a robust species of tree and a crown reduction will not affect its health or amenity value. The specification of work has been amended with the agreement of the agent to a lesser reduction and crown lift, which will be more appropriate for the tree.

No objections to the application have been received.

8 Conclusion

Crown lifting to 6m is considered appropriate to maintain the statutory clearance over the highway. A crown reduction of 3m to rebalance the canopy will reduce the end loading of the limbs over the highway and bring the tree in to a more even shape.

Given its size and species the work proposed will have no impact on the tree's health or amenity value, therefore permission should be granted.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/20/00261 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.