
Site Address:	24 Grassmere Way, Waterloooville, PO7 8RU		
Proposal:	Fell 1 No. Oak. Subject to G1 of TPO 1206.		
Application No:	APP/20/00216	Expiry Date:	01/05/2020
Applicant:	Mr & Mrs Hunt		
Agent:	Mr A Tomasso	Case Officer:	Maria Stewart
	Alpine Tree Surgeons		
Ward:	Cowplain		

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

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2 Planning History

94/58877/000 - Reshape and reduce crown by 25% and remove epicormic growth to 7m (max) on Oak covered by TPO 1206., PERM,02/02/1994
04/58877/001 - Crown reduce by 25% an oak tree in rear garden within Group G1 of TPO 1206, PERM,16/09/2004
05/58877/002 - Rear conservatory., PERM,25/07/2005
08/58877/003 - Crown reduction of 30% of Oak tree., PERM,13/08/2008
APP/14/00818 - Crown reduce 1No. Oak tree - height and width by 3m within Group 1 of TPO 1206., PERM,12/09/2014

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 A Briggs - Cowplain

Councillor D Keast - Cowplain

Councillor Narinder Bains - Cowplain

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: 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 This application to undertake work to a tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order relates to the proposed felling of one Oak tree located in the rear garden of the property.

The Oak is a mature specimen which has been heavily reduced in the past and maintained at a size suitable for its surroundings. The application to fell is based on decay which has been found at the base of the tree.

A desk based assessment has been made for this application as a site visit was not possible due to the restrictions of Covid-19. Photographs have been provided with the application showing the areas of decay. Given this submission, the Arboricultural Officer is in agreement with the Tree Surgeon's justification and reason for felling the

tree given the high target area.

No objections to the application have been received.

8 Conclusion

The tree is showing clear signs of decay present therefore it is considered to be appropriate and necessary to fell the tree, particularly given the high target area. Permission should be granted and a replacement tree planted.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/20/00216 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.

- 3 In the first planting season following the date of felling; 1 replacement tree is planted. The tree should be a minimum 1.5 metres tall at the time of planting and should comply with BS3936:Part 1:1992. It should be planted at or near the site of the existing tree. The tree species should be:

1. 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.