

Site Address: 160-162 West Street, Havant, PO9 1LP
 Proposal: Fell 1No. Tree of Heaven. Within conservation area of Brockhampton.
 Application No: APP/19/00507 Expiry Date: 21/06/2019
 Applicant: Mrs M Wannerton
 Agent: Case Officer: Maria Stewart
 Ward: Bedhampton

Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

1 Site Description

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2 Planning History

95/55840/001 - Demolition of existing utility room, single storey rear extension and new window
to west elevation, PERM,12/01/1996

09/55840/002 - Crown reduce by 20% and crown thin by 10% 1No. Tree of Heaven within Brockhampton Conservation Area., RNO,15/12/2009

APP/15/01183 - Crown reduce 1No. Tree of Heaven to previous pruning points, within conservation area of Brockhampton., RNO,27/11/2015

GEN/17/01170 - Boundary enquiry and proposed patio heater., UNK,

3 Proposal

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4 Policy Considerations

National Planning Policy Framework
Havant Borough Council Borough Design Guide SPD December 2011
Havant Borough Council Parking SPD July 2016

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: Brockhampton

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Councillor Gary Robinson

Councillor Kenneth Smith

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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: 12

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 11

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Summary:

Comment:

7 Planning Considerations

This notice of intent to fell a tree within the Brockhampton Conservation Area relates to the proposed felling of one Tree of Heaven located in the rear garden of Abbeyfield House.

The applicant wishes to fell the tree for the following reasons:

- It has outgrown its location
- potential root damage to surrounding structures ie. boundary wall, drains
- loss of light to several properties
- personal injury caused by slipping on wet leaves
- pruning is no longer an option as it causes rapid re-growth

The tree is a mature specimen and as far as it was reasonable to see it is healthy and structurally sound. It is visible in the street scene from both West street and Staunton road.

The tree has been the subject of a cyclical management regime and it was last pruned around 4 years ago. The previous pruning points are evident throughout the canopy. This regular pruning has been undertaken by the tree owner to try and retain and manage the tree in its location.

A petition for its removal was submitted with the application which was signed by 10 neighbouring residents and one additional letter of support was submitted during the public consultation stage. No representation has been received from the owner of the tree.

8 Conclusion

The Arboricultural Officer comments that the tree has the potential to significantly outgrow its location if regular pruning is not undertaken and considering the owners efforts over the years to manage the tree, it is now unreasonable and costly for the owner to continue to retain the tree as it is clearly in the wrong location for its species, therefore no objection should be raised to this proposal.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/19/00507.