
Site Address: 12 St Hermans Road, Hayling Island, PO11 9NA
Proposal: Fell 1No. Sycamore (T1 on plan), subject to TPO 1563.
Application No: APP/19/00942 Expiry Date: 18/11/2019
Applicant: Mr Smith
Agent: Mr Smith Case Officer: Maria Stewart
 Fellwood Tree Surgeons Ltd
Ward: Hayling East

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

12 St Hermans Road, Hayling Island, PO11 9NA

2 Planning History

00/57333/006 - Engineering work to existing watercourse (retrospective application)., PERM,16/04/2002
99/57333/004 - Crown reduce by 20% a Sycamore tree (T1) subject to TPO 1563, PERM,01/04/1999
99/57333/005 - Crown thin, crown reduce and deadwood two Oak trees, both are within Group 1 subject to TPO 1730, PERM,15/11/1999
94/57333/002 - Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of no semi-detached dwellings with garages, PERM,20/07/1994
93/57333/001 - Outline application for the demolition of Homecroft and erection of 2 No semi-detached dwellings with associated garages, PERM,14/10/1993
92/57333/000 - Outline application for demolition of existing property and erection of pair of semi-detached dwellings to front and detached bungalow to rear., REF,

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 Leah Turner - Hayling East

Councillor M Wilson - Hayling West Ward

Councillor R Raines - Hayling East

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: 8

Number of site notices: Not applicable.

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 felling of one Sycamore tree at the front of the property.

The Sycamore is a multi stemmed specimen which is prominent in the street scene. It is displaying normal vigour and vitality for its age and species. It is growing in close proximity to a wall and there is potential that it will cause damage. The roots have raised the footpath however no cracks have appeared yet. The applicant has provided photos of the roots in water pipes, however this could be cleared.

No objections to the application have been received.

8 **Conclusion**

As the tree continues to grow the problems it is already causing, will increase. It is considered that this tree is not in a sustainable location and given these issues it is not appropriate to refuse this application. Permission should therefore be granted and a replacement tree planted.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/19/00942

(A)

(B) for the following reasons/subject to the following conditions

- 1 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 18/11/2020.

Reason: To control the timing of the works

- 2 In the first planting season following the date of felling; 1 replacement tree is planted. The tree should be a minimum 1.2 metres tall at the time of planting and should comply with BS3936:Part 1:1992. It should be planted within 2 metres of the tree to be felled. It should also be selected from the following species:

1. *Sorbus aria* (Whitebeam)
2. *Crataegus laevigata* 'Pauls Scarlet' (Hawthorn)

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.