

Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

Councillor D Guest - St Faith's

Councillor J Branson - St Faiths

Councillor T Pike - St Faith's

Landscape Team, Havant Borough Council

APP/19/01022 - 10 Brockhampton Lane, Havant, PO9 1LZ

Remove 1No. Conifer. Within conservation area of Brockhampton.

From a landscape perspective we have no adverse comments in relation to this application.

Kind regards,

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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: 4

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 2

Comment	Officer Comment
The Brockhampton conservation area is one of the last remaining old parts of Havant. The trees are part of this conservation area. The purpose of a conservation area is to conserve. This tree is important to the the aesthetic qualities of the area. It gives pleasure to people that see it and it reduces traffic and other noise pollution.	Comments noted. While the tree is within a conservation area, the Council only has two options when dealing with a notice of intent: to raise no objection or to object by making a Tree Preservation Order. Wildlife, whilst important, is not a consideration that can be taken into account, however the Wildlife Act is in place to enforce this aspect. The applicant and agent are responsible

The tree is extremely important as a habitat for wildlife as it has a small colony of Pipistrelle bats roosting in it.	for making the necessary checks to ensure the Act is not breached.
The conifer is in the Brockhampton conservation area which aims to conserve areas of special function and interest. It is a long-established tree which provides an important habitat for wildlife. The tree is an integral part of the character of the conservation area adding aesthetic value and providing pleasure to people that see it. It also helps to reduce traffic noise pollution which is generally increasing in the surrounding area. This is one of the last remaining old parts of Havant and is under threat on all sides from recent development. It should be protected.	Comments noted. While the tree is within a conservation area, the Council only has two options when dealing with a notice of intent: to raise no objection or to object by making a Tree Preservation Order. Wildlife, whilst important, is not a consideration that can be taken into account, however the Wildlife Act is in place to enforce this aspect. The applicant and agent are responsible for making the necessary checks to ensure the Act is not breached.

Summary:

Comment:

7 Planning Considerations

- 7.1 This notice of intent to undertake work to a tree located within a designated Conservation Area relates to the proposed felling of a small Conifer.

The applicant wishes to remove the tree because it has recently lost a considerable amount of dead wood, looks distorted, offers little in the way of public amenity and its position obstructs the driveway.

On inspection, the tree is located within the driveway to the property. It is in a fair condition, but bifurcates at approximately 2m and has some dead wood and dieback in the canopy. Because of its position it has some public amenity.

When dealing with a notice of intent to undertake works to trees within Conservation Areas the District Council have only 2 options. 1. To raise no objection, or 2. Make the tree the subject of a Tree Preservation Order.

To be suitable for a Tree Preservation Order, the tree needs to have significant in the local landscape, be healthy and structurally sound. In this case, the tree is a small relatively poor specimen in terms of its condition and structural integrity. It is not considered to be a suitable specimen to be made the subject of a Tree Preservation Order.

8 Conclusion

The tree is not considered suitable to be protected by a Tree Preservation Order and

its removal is not considered to be detrimental to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area therefore no objection should be raised.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/19/01022

(A)

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