
Site Address: 268 Milton Road, Cowplain, Waterlooville, PO8 8TX
Proposal: Reduce lower laterals of 1No. Oak by 2m. Subject to G1 of TPO 1733.
Application No: APP/18/01243 Expiry Date: 04/02/2019
Applicant: Mr Goble
Agent: Mr D Farrington Case Officer: Maria Stewart
 Sycamore Tree Surgeons
Ward: Hart Plain

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

268 Milton Road, Cowplain, Waterlooville, PO8 8TX

2 Planning History

03/67933/000 - Application to crown reduce radius by 2m of an Oak tree (within Group G1) subject to TPO 1733., PERM,15/04/2003

03/67933/001 - Application to crown thin by 30%, remove damaged limb on the southern sector, reduce limb on southern sector by 3m, remove large lower branch on western side, and crown raise to 4m an Oak (within Group G1) subject to TPO 1733., PERM,23/10/2003

04/67933/002 - Application to remove 2 lower limbs 1 to south facing, 1 to south west facing, on an Oak subject to TPO 1733., PERM,13/05/2004

10/67933/003 - Crown reduce by 25% 8No. protruding limbs, crown lift lowest limb to 3m and reduce lowest limb by 25% of 1No. Oak tree subject to TPO 1733., PERM,23/04/2010

APP/59/04764/007 - erection of 39 garages, UNK,23/07/1959

GEN/18/00101 - Aquind Interconnector Project for power transmission cable between England and France. The element of the proposal in Havant Borough Council administrative area comprises the cable route. This proposal forms part of the wider project comprising the following components; HVDC subsea cables, Land/sea transition joint, HVDC underground cables, HVAC underground cables, located largely in Portsmouth City Council administrative area and supporting infrastructure in the form of HVDC converter stations in the UK, which are to be located in either Winchester City Council and/or East Hampshire District Council administrative areas (location to be determined at a later date). Planning Performance Agreement in place,

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

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: 7

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Comment	Officer Comment
We are in contact with our neighbour at 268 Milton Road. Broadly, we are in agreement with this proposal. We would have liked the cutting back to have gone farther under your heading "Design, appearance and layout" as the tree is overgrown to the south. This is due to a large ash tree which, until it was cut down some 40 years ago, blocked the oak tree's growth to the north. From our viewpoint the tree would look much better if one or two of the southern branches were completely removed, thereby relieving some of the weight on this one-sided the tree.	The comments are noted however the Council can only assess the work outlined in the submitted application. If further work is required a fresh application will need to be submitted.

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 mature Oak tree in the rear garden of the property.

The tree is situated at the top of a bank giving it an elevated position above the houses and because of this it is considered to have significant public amenity value when viewed from the surrounding roads.

As far as it was reasonable to see the tree appeared to have good vigour and vitality and the intention to prune the lower laterals by 2m will have no impact on the health or amenity value of the tree, it will also reduce the encroachment over the applicants usable garden space.

No objections to the application have been received.

8 Conclusion

The work proposed is considered to be appropriate and proportionate and therefore permission should be granted.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/18/01243 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 04/02/2020.

Reason: To control the timing of the works