
Site Address: Waterside United Reformed Church, Bath Road,
Emsworth, PO10 7EP
Proposal: Fell 1No Ash, tree within Emsworth Conservation Area.
Application No: APP/18/01275 Expiry Date: 22/01/2019
Applicant: Mr J Smith
Agent: Mr S Wilson Case Officer: Adele Poulton
Ward: Emsworth

Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

1 Site Description

Waterside United Reformed Church, Bath Road, Emsworth, PO10 7EP

2 Planning History

08/59984/001 - Notification of intention to crown raise to 15ft and remove deadwood, remove large branch over hanging Bath Road to 2No. Walnut trees within Emsworth Conservation Area., RNO,22/12/2008
GEN/10/00702 - Repairs to parapet and roof seal of church hall. , ,19/10/2010 17:16:55
APP/16/01218 - Application for Lawful Development Certificate relating to existing use of site for office purposes., WD,07/02/2017
APP/17/00634 - Change of use from financial services (Class A2) to offices (Class B1A)., PERM,21/08/2017

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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: Emsworth

5 **Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations**

Landscape Team, Havant Borough Council

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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: 12

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Comment	Officer Comment
This tree contributes to the Conservation area within which it is sited. Many visitors to Emsworth walk around the millpond and the tree is considered sufficiently important to be included in the forthcoming Tree Warden's booklet about tree walks in the town and, in my view, contributes to the public amenity and should be made the subject of a Tree Preservation Order. If it is considered absolutely necessary to cut down this tree then it should be a requirement that a replacement tree is planted.	The tree has been inspected and is considered not to be worthy of a Tree Preservation Order; the tree is situated immediately adjacent to the boundary wall of the car park and damage is evident. A condition cannot be applied to a notification for replacement planting.

Summary:

Comment:

7 Planning Considerations

This notification of intent to undertake works to a tree in a conservation area relates to the proposed removal of one young mature Ash tree, situated within the tarmaced car park of Waterside United Reformed Church, Bath Road, Emsworth, on the eastern boundary of the site. This is one of two Ash trees on this boundary, the larger of the two is to be retained. The tree subject of this notification is situated immediately adjacent to a brick wall which identifies the boundary of the car park to the Church, and damage to this wall is evident. The tree is considered not to be worthy of a Tree Preservation Order and, this being the case, the Local Authority must raise no objection.

8 Conclusion

The Ash tree proposed for removal is considered not to be worthy of a Tree Preservation Order and no objection is made to its removal. In the context of the Conservation Area, it is considered that the removal of this tree is not detrimental to the quality of the Area as a whole.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/18/01275.