
Site Address: St Thomas Church, Bidbury Lane, Havant
Proposal: Reduce crown 1No Yew (T12) tree to north by 1.5 metres, to south by 3.5 metres, to east by 3 metres and to west by 3.5 metres. Reduce crown 1No Sycamore (T13) to north by 2 metres, to south by 2 metres, to east by 5 metres, to west by 3 metres and height by 3 metres; raise crown to 5 metres. Reduce crown 1No Sycamore (T14) to north by 2 metres, to south by 3.5 metres, to east by 3 metres, to west by 2 metres and height by 3 metres; raise crown to 3.5 metres. All trees subject to TPO 0496.

Application No: APP/18/00866
Applicant: Mr A Skeet
Norse South East

Expiry Date: 24/10/2018

Agent:
Ward: Bedhampton

Case Officer: Jamie Gargett

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

St Thomas Church, Bidbury Lane, Havant

2 Planning History

00/55956/005 - Reduce western sector and deadwood a Yew tree (T11). Crown raise up to 2m and deadwood a Yew tree (T12). Crown reduce by 40% a Sycamore tree (T14). All three trees are within St Thomas Church and subject to TPO496., PERM,04/12/2000

00/55956/004 - Crown reduce by 30% (approx) and removal of lowest limb on south-east of a Sycamore tree (T13) subject to TPO 496., PERM,23/03/2000

91/55956/001 - Notification of intention to reduce and reshape crown of Sycamore in Bedhampton

Conservation Area by 15/20%, RNO,12/04/1991

91/55956/000 - Lift crown on Sycamore (T13) covered by TPO 496 to 4m, reduce and reshape crown by 30/35%, PERM,

92/55956/002 - Extension to north east corner of church and porch door (as amended by drawings

and details received on 13/10/92 and 24/11/92)., PERM,

06/55956/006 - Application to crown lift to 4m two Yew trees (T11and T12) subject of TPO 0496., PERM,24/04/2006

06/55956/007 - Notification of intention to crown reduce by 20% two Cherry trees within Old Bedhampton Conservation Area., RNO,24/04/2006

06/55956/008 - Application to reduce end loading of limb overhanging road, a Common Yew (T12) and fit two expanses of cobra bracing and to fit a new pole to Common Yew (T11) both subject to TPO 0496., PERM,19/12/2006

06/55956/009 - Tree Works., UNK,

07/55956/010 - Application to remove broken chain link support, and carry out selective pruning for health and safety provision to a Common Yew tree (T12) subject to TPO 0496., PERM,22/03/2007

08/55956/011 - Application to crown lift Cherry tree by 2 metres, removal of stem to

Oak, crown lift Yew and removal of damaged branch., PERM,05/06/2008
 APP/10/00980 - Crown reduce by 30% 2No. Sycamore trees. Prune clear of lamp and reduce secondary leader at 4m (east side) 1No. Oak tree. Prune 2m clear of church wall 1No. Yew tree. Prune clear of monuments 1No. Yew tree. All subject to TPO 0496., PERM,21/01/2011
 APP/10/00988 - Crown raise to 2m 1No. Birch tree. Crown raise to 2.5m 1No. Sycamore tree. Crown raise to 2.5m 1No. Cherry tree. Prune clear of monuments 1No. Yew tree. All within Old Bedhampton Conservation Area., RNO,21/02/2011
 APP/12/00709 - Remove 1No. 100mm lateral on east side of 1No. Oak (T10) subject to TPO 0496., PERM,09/11/2012
 APP/12/00741 - Remove 8No. 800mm laterals on east side of 1No. Sycamore; remove 6No. 100mm laterals on east side of 1No. Cherry; crown raise to 4m on east side of 1No. Cherry; all within Old Bedhampton Conservation Area., RNO,24/08/2012
 GEN/13/00226 - Proposed replacement and re-siting of notice board, UNK,
 APP/14/00395 - Crown reduce 1No. Sycamore to previous pruning points, and remove 200mm of primary limb at 1.8m east side of 1No. Cherry. Both trees located within Old Bedhampton Conservation Area., RNO,19/05/2014
 APP/15/01086 - Fell 1 No. Sycamore (T13) subject to TPO 0496., WD,22/10/2015
 APP/17/01332 - Remove badly damaged primary stem on 1no. Cherry tree within Conservation Area Old Bedhampton., RNO,24/01/2018
 APP/17/01335 - Remove 3No. 150mm limbs on southern sector of 1No. Yew tree, subject to TPO 0496., PERM,25/01/2018

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: Old Bedhampton

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Conservation Officer

Landscape Team

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: 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 for permission to undertake works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order relates to the proposed pruning of one Yew and two Sycamore trees located within the Churchyard.

7.4 The work is considered to be general maintenance of the trees. It is noted that whilst the Yew tree is a large mature specimen offering significant public amenity value, Laetiporus sulphureus was observed on the main stem at 2.5m from ground level. The canopy would benefit from a reduction as per the application so as to reduce the end loading on lateral branches as it is in a high target area.

No objections to the application have been received.

8 **Conclusion**

Permit

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/18/00866

(A)

(B) for the following reasons/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 24/10/2019.

Reason: To control the timing of the works