

Site Address:	The Pallant Centre (St Faiths Church) Pallant House, The Pallant, Havant, PO9 1BE		
Proposal:	Remove epicormic growth on the stem and crown reduce by up to 1m 1No. Yew tree within the conservation area of St Faiths and subject to TPO 1686.		
Application No:	APP/18/00911	Expiry Date:	14/11/2018
Applicant:	Mr W Coulston The Pallant Centre		
Agent:	Mr D Symes Topnotch	Case Officer:	Maria Stewart
Ward:	St Faiths		

1 Site Description

2 Planning History

APP/17/00625 - Display of 2No. non-illuminated Notice Board signs attached to exterior of Church House; 1No. non-illuminated Aluminium 'A' frame folding sign located in front courtyard; 2No. Waterproof banner signs attached to front railings. , PERM,04/08/2017

APP/17/00785 - Listed Building Consent for installation of a new boiler and an external flue., PERM,11/10/2017

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: St Faiths

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Conservation Officer

Landscape Team, Havant Borough Council

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Crown reduce 1No. Yew upto 4m all round. Within conservation area of St Faiths.

From a landscape perspective we have no objections 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: 13

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 pruning of one Yew tree.

The tree is located in the courtyard of The Pallant Centre. The applicants reason for wanting to prune are branches affecting the fabric of the building, affecting services to the building and slip accidents due to bird mess.

Due to its size and location it is considered to be a highly prominent tree in the street scene, it has been continually managed by pruning away from the fabric of the building and there is currently adequate clearance. A telephone cable runs through the tree but it is not considered sufficient reason to significantly reduce the tree. Bird mess is, unfortunately, inevitable and it is the landowners responsibility to ensure the

pathway is clear. Bird scarer's could be purchased and put in the branches to try and limit the amount of pigeons roosting.

The initial application specification was considered to be too excessive and would significantly effect the health and amenity value of the tree. This had now been amended with the agreement of the agent, so that rather than reduce by 4m the tree should be reduced by 1m and epicormic on the main stem removed.

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/18/00911

(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 14/11/19.
Reason: To control the timing of the works