
Site Address: 3 Treetops Drive, Forest Avenue, Waterlooville, PO8 8JF
Proposal: Crown reduce height of 3No. Ash by 4m to leave finished height of 8m, and reduce width by 1.5m to leave finished width of 2.5m; remove 3No. Ash; crown reduce height of 1No. Oak by 2.5m to leave finished height of 11.5m and reduce width by 3m to leave finished width of 7m. All trees subject to Woodland Order W1 of TPO 1614.

Application No: APP/19/00215

Expiry Date: 15/04/2019

Applicant: Mr T Mount

Agent: Mr A Kaye

Case Officer: Adele Poulton

Blendworth Tree Surgeons

Ward: Cowplain

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

3 Treetops Drive, Forest Avenue, Waterlooville, PO8 8JF

2 Planning History

APP/13/01182 - Crown reduce 1No. Ash tree by 3m overall, within W1 of TPO 1614. , PERM,11/02/2014

GEN/13/01087 - Placement of TPO's on existing trees on site., ,12/11/2013

GEN/15/00396 - Proposed new dwellings., ,18/06/2015

APP/17/00788 - Extension to existing garage to provide 1No. extra parking bay. , PERM,09/10/2017

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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: 20

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Comment	Officer Comment
If these trees are subject to a woodland order then I oppose any and all proposals to cut them back by such a significant amount, with zero argument to defend this act for either the good of the trees' health or that of wildlife. Therefore I can only presume that it is for the whim of the owner, and therefore precisely what the woodland order should protect these trees from. These trees were in place when the owner bought this property. The order was in place when the owner bought this property. The trees were an implicit part of the sale of the property, and thus accepted by the owner. I cannot object strongly enough. We have seen several brown owls perching in this group of trees, along with the oak trees, having flown across from the small patch of woodland near the property. Please do not let the whim of the owner affect the woodland order which is there to protect the trees against this kind of proposal.	Trees 1 - 6 are young Ash of upright growth, four are in a fair condition two in a poor , declining condition. They have limited public amenity value. The multi-stem Oak is also in a poor condition, dysfunction noted in the canopy, works to reduce and remove dead wood - the tree has some local importance. The imposition of a Tree Preservation Order does not preclude works to manage the size of trees in their environment.

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 works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order relates to works to a number of Ash trees and one multi-stem Oak all situated in the rear garden of no. 3 Tree Tops Drive, Waterloooville. The site, recently developed, is subject to a woodland order protecting any trees growing within its boundaries. Six young Ash trees form a linear feature in the back garden, two are in a poor condition the remaining trees are proposed for crown reduction to maintain them for the size of the site. Similarly, the Oak is showing signs of decline and is proposed for crown reduction to maintain its size for the constraints of the plot.

8 **Conclusion**

The works are considered not to be detrimental to the integrity of the TPO.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/19/00215 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 15th April 2020
Reason: To control the timing of the works