
Site Address:	7 Robinia Close, Waterlooville, PO7 8HF		
Proposal:	Fell 1No. Yew tree subject to TPO 1109.		
Application No:	APP/18/00389	Expiry Date:	04/06/2018
Applicant:	Mr P Jones		
Agent:		Case Officer:	Maria Stewart
Ward:	Stakes		

Recommendation: **REFUSE TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

7 Robinia Close, Waterlooville, PO7 8HF

2 Planning History

97/62577/000 - Crown reduction of Yew tree subject to TPO 1109 (tree No T4),
PERM,29/07/1997
03/62577/001 - Application to crown reduce by up to 30% a Yew tree (T4) subject to
TPO 1109., PERM,15/04/2003
08/62577/002 - Reshape and crown reduce by 25% a Yew tree (T4) subject to TPO
1109., PERM,16/09/2008
APP/11/00909 - Crown reduce 1No. Yew tree (T4) by 2m all round, subject to TPO
1109., PERM,06/06/2011
GEN/12/00017 - Extension to rear of house in place of the existing conservatory. ,
,31/01/2012
APP/12/00263 - Demolish existing rear conservatory and erect two storey rear
extension., WD,01/05/2012
APP/12/00603 - Demolish existing rear conservatory and erect two storey rear
extension. , PERM,30/07/2012
APP/13/01244 - Demolish existing rear conservatory and erect two storey rear
extension. (Revised Application to approved Planning Permission APP/12/00603 to
allow alteration to fenestration)., PERM,25/03/2014
APP/16/00536 - Crown reduce 1No. Yew by 1.5m subject to TPO 1109.,
PERM,22/06/2016

3 Proposal

Fell 1No. Yew tree subject to TPO 1109.

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: 4

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 to carry out work protected by a Tree Preservation Order relates to the proposed felling of one Yew tree in the rear garden of the property. The tree has a history of being pruned to maintain it and a shape and size appropriate for its location.

The application to fell has been submitted on the basis that the tree is diseased, however, no written arboricultural advice to support this reason has been provided and as far it was reasonable to see from ground level, there was no evidence of disease. For this reason the application should be refused.

8 **Conclusion**

Refuse

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **REFUSE TPO CONSENT** for application APP/18/00389 for the following reasons

- 1 The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. Its proposed felling would result in undue loss and detriment to the visual amenities of the locality. It is therefore contrary to policy DM8 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework 2012.