
Site Address:	10 Spruce Avenue, Waterlooville, PO7 8HA		
Proposal:	Fell 1No. Oak (T9). Subject to TPO 1109.		
Application No:	APP/18/00838	Expiry Date:	15/10/2018
Applicant:	Ms A Barham		
Agent:		Case Officer:	Maria Stewart
Ward:	Stakes		

Recommendation: **REFUSE TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

10 Spruce Avenue, Waterlooville, PO7 8HA

2 Planning History

97/62933/000 - Crown raise Oak tree (T9) in front garden subject to TPO 1109, PERM,21/11/1997
07/62933/001 - Tree works., UNK,
07/62933/002 - Application to fell Common Oak tree (T9) subject to TPO 1109., REF,24/04/2007
08/62933/003 - Application to crown thin by 10%, crown raise by 5m and reduce crown by 20%, an Oak tree (T1) subject to TPO 1109., PERM,06/01/2009

3 Proposal

Fell 1No. Oak (T9). 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: 8

Number of site notices: 1_

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 3

Comment	Officer Comment
The tree is an oak tree and has been in place for at least 70 years. The tree awards the houses opposite a great deal of privacy, especially line of sight to and from bedroom windows. It is one of very few fully matured oak trees in the area and supports the survival of a great deal of wildlife including squirrels and birds.	Comments noted.
We are in complete agreement with this tree being felled. It blocks light from our kitchen and one of our bedrooms. We are also concerned of damage being caused to our property by due to the size.	Comments noted.

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 work to a tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order relates to the proposed felling of one mature Oak tree located at the front of 10 Spruce Avenue.

The tree is situated approximately 10m from the front porch of the property and the

canopy clearance of the property is approximately 5m. It is 3m from the garage and the clearance between the canopy and garage roof is approximately 2m.

As far as it was reasonable to see the tree is healthy and structurally sound and no evidence has been provided from an appropriate expert to suggest otherwise. There appeared to be minimal dead wood, and dead wood can be removed at any time without the need for an application.

The tree has been managed in its location over the years to maintain it at a suitable size for its location. The applicant states that the tree is fuller and larger on one side, however, the arboricultural officer comments that this is only minimal and could be addressed by way of a tip reduction to bring those branches in (subject to an application being submitted).

The neighbouring property (number 8) supports the felling and has commented on the application to state their concerns about the proximity to their home and the amount of light it blocks. The position of the tree in relation to their house will not block their light as it is to the north of their property, however there are two garages which probably contribute to the light loss they may suffer from. The loss of light from the applicants property is not considered to excessive as to justify the removal of the tree.

One objection to the felling of the tree has also been received.

This tree is a prominent feature in the street scene and its removal would be a detrimental loss of public visual amenity. Whilst it is noted that the applicant would plant a replacement tree this would not make up for its loss.

8 Conclusion

Refuse

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **REFUSE TPO CONSENT** for application APP/18/00838

(A)

(B) for the following reasons/subject to the following conditions

- 1 The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and as far as it is reasonable to see it is healthy and structurally sound. The removal of the tree would be detrimental to the visual amenity of the area.