
Site Address:	4 Treetops Drive, Forest Avenue, Waterloooville, PO8 8JF		
Proposal:	Fell 1No.Oak, subject to W1 of TPO 1614.		
Application No:	APP/17/00879	Expiry Date:	02/10/2017
Applicant:	Mr L Nicholls		
Agent:	Mr A Kaye	Case Officer:	Jamie Gargett
	Blendworth Tree Surgeons		
Ward:	Cowplain		

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

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2 Planning History

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: 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: 5

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 The application relates to the felling of a mature Oak tree that forms part of a woodlands TPO covering the newly built Treetops Drive, located off Forest Avenue in the Waterloooville area. The tree is located north east of the garage of one of the newly built properties and has prominent views from the street scene within the cul-de-sac.

The ground surrounding the main stem has been heavily overlaid with mulch and there is a significant amount of epicormic growth on the main stem. The crown is suffering from extensive dieback and has deadwood throughout. The tree has been over thinned in the past and any further remedial works could potentially send the tree into a state of shock from which it would unlikely recover. The tree is in an advanced state of decline and the proposed felling would present an opportunity for mitigation replanting that would only enhance the amenity quality of the street scene and maintain the sustainable tree cover in the area for the foreseeable future.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00879

(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 pruning/surgery for which consent is hereby granted shall not exceed the following: Fell 1No.Oak, subject to W1 of TPO 1614.
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the tree and its importance in the local landscape.
- 3 The tree to be felled shall be replaced by a Common Oak (*Quercus robur*) to be planted in a position as near as practicable to the position of the tree to be felled and at a height of at least 2 metres when such replacement planting is carried out.
Reason: To conserve and safeguard the visual amenities of the locality.
- 4 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 02/10/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.