
Site Address: 53A-55 Hulbert Road, Havant, PO9 3TB
Proposal: Remove 1No. Macrocarpa to ground level; reduce crown of 1No. Common Oak to leave 12m in height and 8m complete canopy, remove any dead, crossing or epicormic branches as necessary. Both trees subject to TPO 1874.
Application No: APP/18/00199 Expiry Date: 16/04/2018
Applicant: Mr Wilkins
 Bedhampton Nursing Home
Agent: Mr J Petley Case Officer: Jamie Gargett
 JP Tree & Garden Services
Ward: Bedhampton

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: 15

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Comment	Officer Comment
My question would be, why ? Why is there a need to remove perfectly healthy , mature trees from this property ? Is this because of any future development plans ? If so, please clarify and ask the applicant to specify the motivation and potential benefit of removing these mature trees. Previously trees have been removed under the pretext that they were rotten and dangerous and this action was then closely followed by major development which was not announced prior to the felling.	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 to undertake works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order relates to one mature Macrocarpa and one mature Oak tree.

The Macrocarpa is located at the front of the property and is a highly prominent specimen. Further information has been provided since the application was received, outlining the condition of the tree, including photographs from 2009.

It is clear from visiting that the tree is in decline and under stress. The canopy is sparse and dying back and large areas are yellowing. There are a number of dead branches and limbs in a poor condition with splits and inclusions.

Although it is not considered to be in an imminent danger of collapse it has reached a condition that felling is now the best option than retention due to the significant amount of pruning required to maintain it in a safe condition for its high target surroundings. The shock of pruning would lead the tree to deteriorate at a faster rate and potentially die.

A replacement tree will be required to be planted that will reach similar size so that it will replace the lost public amenity as it grows.

The Oak is located at the rear of the property and due to its position has a limited public amenity value. The work is reasonable management and will not harm the health of the tree.

8 **Conclusion**

Permit

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/18/00199

(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 to be felled shall be replaced by 1 English Oak 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 1.8 metres when such replacement planting is carried out. The tree should be planted by the 31st December 2018.
Reason: To conserve and safeguard the visual amenities of the locality.
- 3 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 16/04/2019.

Reason: To control the timing of the works