
Site Address: Sunningdale, Manor Road, Hayling Island, PO11 0QR
Proposal: Crown reduce 1No. Oak (T1) by no more than 2m, crown raise to 5.4m, removal of epicormic growth, deadwood and crossing branches within crown and removal of epicormic growth and ivy on trunk, subject to TPO 0882.
Application No: APP/17/00914 Expiry Date: 19/10/2017
Applicant: Mrs Baker
Agent: Mr Spratt Case Officer: Maria Stewart
 Skyfell Tree Specialists
Ward: Hayling West

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

Sunningdale, Manor Road, Hayling Island, PO11 0QR

2 Planning History

07/72019/000 - Application to crown lift a Veteran Oak (T1) to 8m and reduce two lateral branches which are crossing the driveway and path by 2 metres subject to TPO 0882. , PERM,03/10/2007

3 Proposal

Crown reduce 1No. Oak (T1) by 3m, crown raise to 5.4m, removal of epicormic growth, deadwood and crossing branches within crown and removal of epicormic growth and ivy on trunk, subject to TPO 0882.

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 The application relates to a mature Oak tree located within the front curtilage of a property in Manor Road, Hayling Island. The main stem is located on the boundary with the public footpath and the crown extends over the highway to the west and close to the property's rooftop to the east. As such the tree possesses a high visual amenity to the public.

The main stem's base is surrounded by a mature hedgerow and therefore could not be assessed as to its basal condition. There is extensive Ivy growth on the main stem, as well as some epicormic growth. There are signs of some minor mechanical damage and on the northern sector of the crown there is some large diameter deadwood. There are signs of previous pruning works and the tree appears to be displaying normal vigour and vitality for a tree of its age.

The original specification for the works were considered excessive and would have caused detriment to the amenity value of the tree and to its health. Lesser works were negotiated with the applicant so as to provide a reasonable level of cyclical management to the tree which would maintain its size so close to the highway and to the property. This would reduce the amount of shading and falling debris, as well as easing the movement of traffic along the highway, without causing detriment to the health of the tree or to its amenity value within the street scene.

8 Conclusion

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00914

(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: Crown reduce 1No. Oak (T1) by no more than 2m, crown raise to 5.4m, removal of epicormic growth, deadwood and crossing branches within crown and removal of epicormic growth and ivy on trunk, subject to TPO 0882.
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the tree(s) and its/their importance in the local landscape.
- 3 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 19/10/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works