

Site Address: Sir George Staunton Country Park, Middle Park Way,
Havant, PO9 5HB

Proposal: Crown lift low hanging branches of 1No. Lime by 5m on southern
sector. Within conservation area of Sir George Staunton.

Application No: APP/17/00904 Expiry Date: 27/09/2017

Applicant: Mr S Wallbridge

Agent: Case Officer: Maria Stewart

Ward: Battins

1 Site Description

2 Planning History

96/50300/019 - Listed Building application for restoration of coach house glazed canopy and repairs to coach house and stables, PERM,19/11/1996

95/50300/017 - Demolition of wall in farmyard, PERM,

94/50300/011 - Conversion of existing farmhouse to provide catering facilities, PERM,09/05/1994

94/50300/012 - Conversion of existing farmhouse building to provide catering facilities, PERM,

94/50300/015 - Erection of wooden garage adjacent to Regency Farmhouse, PERM,

92/50300/008 - Conversion of Coach House/ Mushroom House to form Countr Park 'Visitor Centre' (comprising ancillary shop and toilets)., PERM,30/04/1992

93/50300/010 - Partial relief from Cons 8 & 9 of P P 34881 so as to allow for use of the walled garden for camping & caravanning on no more than 10 days in any 1 Yr & access from M Park Way., ZHIS,22/02/1994

03/50300/028 - Consultation by Hampshire County Council for alterations to animal paddocks, removal of part of overspill carpark and enlargement and alterations in circulation of main carpark with changes of paths. New boundary fencing and planting. Removal of trees and tree surgery. Restoration planting to the drive south of Middlepark Way., PERM,11/04/2003

05/50300/029 - Crown raise to 3m an Ash tree within the Sir Georges Staunton Conservation Area to the rear of 106 Bondfields Crescent., RNO,28/11/2005

08/50300/030 - Reduce overhanging limb by 25% 1No. London Plane tree within the curtilage of Sir George Staunton Country Park, within Sir George Staunton Conservation Area., RNO,17/04/2008

09/50300/031 - Provision of 1No. double classroom, temporary modular building unit until August 2012, to provide teaching space. This building is to be positioned on the same footprint of an unsafe building that was demolished approx. 3/4 years ago., TPP,12/03/2009

90/50300/003 - Erection of trellis structure., PERM,

94/50300/014 - Conversion of old walled garden/paddock on north side of Middle Park Way into grass car park for overflow use at peak times., PERM,30/03/1995

95/50300/016 - Alterations to existing wall to reshape., PERM,19/05/1995

APP/10/00707 - Retrospective application to demolish existing glasshouses and proposed construction of two 6m x 20m long polytunnel greenhouses at Staunton Country Park, Middle Park Way, Havant, PO9 5HD., RNO,08/11/2010

APP/10/00901 - Fell 34No. Sycamore trees and stump treatment. Fell 1No. Holly tree and stump treatment. Fell 5No. Poplar trees and stump treatment. All within Sir George Staunton Conservation Area., RNO,21/01/2011

GEN/11/00070 - English Woodland Grant Scheme., ,08/02/2011 13:27:08

APP/11/00319 - Remove lowest limb of 1No. Sweet Chestnut tree; remove lower four branches of 1No. Holm Oak tree; remove three low branches of 1No. Holm Oak tree and remove one main and five secondary branches to 1No. Sycamore tree. All within curtilage of Sir George Staunton Country Park and within Sir George Staunton Conservation Area. , RNO,19/05/2011

GEN/11/00637 - Request for advise relating to tree., ,09/06/2011

APP/11/01563 - Application to carry out tree works including removal of self set trees as per schedule within Sir George Staunton Conservation Area. , RNO,17/11/2011

GEN/12/00039 - Creation of waste material handling bays within the former Beneficial Foundation Nursery site., UNK,

APP/12/00302 - Hampshire County Council consultation for addition of metal railings to the parapet of the terrace and adjoining landscaping modifications to improve visitor access., RNO,27/04/2012

APP/12/00520 - Hampshire County Council Consultation for continued siting for a

temporary modular building on site for a further four years., PERM,21/06/2012
 GEN/12/00641 - Issues relating to Great Copse., ,13/06/2012
 APP/12/00685 - Hampshire County Council Consultation to convert existing concrete block into covered hay store., RNO,02/08/2012
 GEN/12/00737 - Felling of a Eucalyptus in the main car park as this tree is hazardous., ,09/07/2012
 APP/12/00903 - Tree works., UNK,
 APP/12/01000 - Fell 51No. trees comprising 9No. English Oak (quercus Robur), 4No. Willow (Salix sp), 30No. Alder (Alnus Glutinosa), 6No. Hawthorn (Cretageous Monagyna) and 2No. Sycamore (Acer Pseudoplatanus), to enable works to uncover 'The Fountain', within Sir George Staunton Conservation Area., ,08/11/2012
 GEN/12/00989 - Fell 2No DD trees adjacent to highway , ,28/09/2012
 APP/12/01068 - Tree works, UNK,
 APP/13/00009 - Fell 3No. Conifers within Sir George Staunton Conservation Area., RNO,07/02/2013
 GEN/13/00087 - Removal of Eucalyptus Gunni., ,29/01/2013
 GEN/13/00090 - Staunton Plan as agreed by Landscape Group, ,20/12/2012
 GEN/13/00200 - Proposed removal of deadwood from Lime trees between visitor centre and the terrace., ,05/03/2013
 APP/13/00364 - Hampshire County Council Consultation for provision of lambing shed as a visitor attraction., PERM,17/05/2013
 GEN/13/00403 - 2 limes on site
 T1 - on the main drive on the north side of Middle Park Way. Ganoderma in northern part of stem. Drilled by Dave Collins from HCC Arb Team. Recommended to be felled at 6m and left as monolith.
 T2 - In paddock on farm. Didn't need to drill. Extensive basal decay from Kretzschmaria deusta. Both old and new fruiting bodies. To be felled.
 , ,08/05/2013
 GEN/13/00541 - Works to Cedar Tree., ,10/06/2013
 GEN/13/00561 - Surface improvements on the Island - impact on Willow, ,24/06/2013
 GEN/14/00109 - Land to be used for parking., ,11/02/2014 12:27:53
 GEN/14/00111 - DD - 2No. Pines with significant lean over subway towards the Petersfield Road., ,29/01/2014
 APP/14/00097 - Fell 6No. Mature Sycamore trees within Sir George Staunton Conservation Area. , WD,13/03/2014
 GEN/14/00126 - Dangerous tree leaning over Bedhampton by pass, ,03/02/2014
 APP/15/00168 - Remove lower limbs overhanging path to 1No. Oak; Fell 1No. Horse Chestnut; Pollard 1No. Lime Tree to approximately 1.8m; within Sir George Staunton Conservation Area., RNO,18/03/2015
 GEN/15/00317 - Proposed kiosk and banner display., ,31/03/2015 15:11:10
 APP/15/00710 - Crown reduce 1No. Ash by 3m, within Conservation Area of Sir George Staunton., RNO,31/07/2015
 APP/15/01215 - Leigh Park Gardens side, on the main drive - to monolith both trees to approx. 20ft, UNK,
 GEN/15/01241 - Mono lift two dead trees., ,08/12/2015
 APP/16/00063 - Change of use from a paddock to a temporary overflow car park at Storey Gardens, Sir George Staunton Country Park. HCC reference HCC/2016/0014., RNO,12/02/2016
 APP/16/00222 - Remove existing play equipment from farm play zone and replace with new like for like and fit for purpose equipment., PERM,21/04/2016
 APP/16/01283 - Hampshire County Council Consultation for continued siting for a temporary building on site for a further four years at Sir George Staunton Country Park. HCC ref: HCC/2016/0863., RNO,02/02/2017
 GEN/17/00109 - Tree leaning against and buckling railing., ,30/01/2017
 GEN/17/00157 - DD tree works - Thuja, Robinia, Liquidamber, Plane, ,08/02/2017
 GEN/17/00672 - To fell a number of trees , UNK,09/06/2017
 APP/17/00735 - Hampshire County Council Consultation for conversion of coach

house and stable block to create visitor and volunteer facilities and construction of new visitors car park on former Beacon Nursery site and associated works at Sir George Staunton Country Park (planning application)., RNO,16/08/2017
APP/17/00736 - Hampshire County Council Consultation for restoration of historic path landscape, including refurbishment of follies, conversion of coach house and stable block to create visitor and volunteer facilities and associated works at Sir George Staunton Country Park (Listed Building Consent)., RNO,16/08/2017
APP/17/00905 - Remove branches of 1No. Field Maple (Acer Campestre) on eastern sector blocking light into subway; remove branches on eastern sector and 1.6m above streetlight to 1No. Pine and 1No. Sycamore (Acer Pseudoplatanus). All trees within conservation area of Sir George Staunton., UNK,

3 Proposal

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4 Policy Considerations

National Planning Policy Framework
Havant Borough Council Borough Design Guide SPD December 2011
Havant Borough Council Parking SPD July 2016

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: Sir George Staunton

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Landscape Team - No objection

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: 3

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 0

Comment	Officer Comment
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Summary:

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.

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.

The application is in relation to a mature Lime tree located within Staunton Country Park, which falls within the conservation area of Sir George Staunton. The tree is located close to the southern boundary which adjoins the rear boundaries of properties in Exbury Road. Since the tree is located to the rear of the end of terrace dwelling in Exbury Road, the Lime tree possesses largely unrestricted views from the street scene in Sherfield Avenue that adjoins Exbury Road and along with other boundary line trees, contributes well to the tree cover within the area.

Since the tree was viewed from the street scene, the base of the main stem could not be assessed as to its condition. There is epicormic growth on the main stem and there are signs of previous pruning works within the crown. The crown has a slight southern bias over the neighbouring residential garden and appear to be displaying normal vigour and vitality.

The proposed crown lift by 5m over the neighbouring garden would lessen the significant shading to the property and provide a sensible level of cyclical management for a tree in this location so close to a boundary line. The proposed works would result in relatively small wounds only which would not cause detriment to the tree's health or to the amenity value the tree offers in the street scene.

8 Conclusion

Raise No Objection

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/17/00904

(A)

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