
Site Address: 37 Galaxie Road, Waterlooville, PO8 9AT
Proposal: Reduce all around 1No. Oak by 2m subject to TPO 0986.
Application No: APP/17/01083 Expiry Date: 30/11/2017
Applicant: Mr Walker
Agent: Mr S Jordan Case Officer: Jamie Gargett
 S Jordan Tree Surgery
Ward: Cowplain

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

37 Galaxie Road, Waterlooville, PO8 9AT

2 Planning History

07/64462/000 - Application to crown lift 4m, and crown reduce by 15-20% a Common Oak (T1) subject to TPO 0986., PERM,23/03/2007
08/64462/001 - Erection of a conservatory to the existing rear extension. , REF,08/12/2008
APP/12/00887 - Reduce 1No. Oak (T1) by 2m to south east quadrant and reshape, subject to TPO 0986., PERM,13/11/2012

3 Proposal

Reduce all around 1No. Oak by 2m subject to TPO 0986.

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: 3

Number of site notices: Not applicable.

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 A mature Oak tree stands in the rear garden of 37 Galaxie Road and overhangs the gardens of four other properties. I couldn't access the garden of the property and therefore viewed it from the road. As far as it was reasonable to see the tree appeared to be in good health and vigour for its age and species. The tree appeared to significantly overhang the gardens to the rear.

The proposal to crown reduce by 2.5 metres was considered excessive and has been amended to 2 metres with the agreement of the applicant. The work should not harm the health or amenity value of the tree.

8 **Conclusion**

Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/01083 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: Reduce all around 1No. Oak by 2m.
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the tree(s) and its/their importance in the local landscape.