
Site Address: 16A Beechworth Road, Havant, PO9 1AX
Proposal: Reduce west sectors of 1No. Pittosporum by 1m back to boundary;
Reduce west sectors of 1No. Variegated Privet by 0.5m and shape into top; Reduce
west sectors of 1No. Holm Oak by 2m and shape into top; Reduce west sectors of
1No. Variegated Privet by 1m and shape into top; Reduce north sectors of 1No.
Laburnum by 1.5m. Within conservation area of St Faiths.
Application No: APP/17/01051 Expiry Date: 07/11/2017
Applicant: Cooke Priest
Agent: Mr J Petley Case Officer: Maria Stewart
JP Tree & Garden Services
Ward: St Faiths

Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

1 Site Description

16A Beechworth Road, Havant, PO9 1AX

2 Planning History

01/66503/000 - Fell a Monterey Cypress tree at 16a Beechworth Road, Havant, within
St Faiths Conservation Area., RNO,10/08/2001
01/66503/001 - Single storey rear and side extensions to form conservatory.,
PERM,10/09/2001
01/66503/002 - Fell 2 Apple trees, a fruit tree adjacent to the Western boundary, a
Yew hedge and Leyland Cypress hedge and a Beech tree at 16A Beechworth Road
within St Faiths Conservation Area., RNO,14/09/2001
09/66503/003 - Two storey side extension. Replace existing flat roof to southern part
of house with pitched roof., PERM,27/10/2009
APP/13/01038 - Two storey side extension. New pitched roof to replace existing flat
roof., PERM,16/12/2013

3 Proposal

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1No. Holm Oak by 2m and shape into top; Reduce west sectors of 1No. Variegated
Privet by 1m and shape into top; Reduce north sectors of 1No. Laburnum by 1.5m.
Within conservation area of St Faiths.

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: St Faiths

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Landscape Team

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: 8

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 0

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 relates to a number of trees located at a property in Beechworth Road, which falls within the conservation area of St Faith. The trees are located in the neighbouring garden close to the boundary lines. With the exception of the Laburnum, the remaining species are obscured from the street scene's view due to the location of the dwelling. The Laburnum only contributes minimally to the public's amenity.

The nature of the works to the Pittosporum and the Privet are considered to be general garden maintenance that will not detriment the health of these aggressive

growing species. Since they are obscured by the building, the proposed works are minimal and will not detriment any public amenity.

The semi mature Holm Oak was viewed from the applicant's property and its basal condition could not be assessed. The crown appears to be displaying normal vigour and vitality. There are signs of previous pruning works within the crown and the proposed works would remove the regrowth back to the previous pruning points while maintaining the tree's size in relation to the boundary line. These works would be considered reasonable cyclical management that would not detriment the health of this species. This would not detriment the amenity of the tree due to the minimal visibility of the crown in the street scene.

The Laburnum is located close to southern boundary line in the neighbouring garden. The basal condition could not be assessed due to dense surrounding shrubs and the crown appears to be displaying reduced vigour and vitality. The furthest extending branches are encroaching over the boundary line. The proposed reduction would be considered general garden maintenance and would not detriment the health of the tree or its public amenity value. Additionally, the tree is a poor quality that would fail to meet the minimum requirement for a TPO.

8 Conclusion

Raise No Objection

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/17/01051

(A)

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