
Site Address: 1A Balmoral Drive, Waterloooville, PO7 5EL
Proposal: Reduce by 2m 1No. Common Oak (T4) on south, east and west sectors, reduce height by 1.5m. Subject to TPO 0885.
Application No: APP/17/00911 Expiry Date: 13/10/2017
Applicant: Mr B Lammin
Agent: Mr S Jordan Case Officer: Maria Stewart
 S Jordan Tree Surgery
Ward: Purbrook

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

1A Balmoral Drive, Waterloooville, PO7 5EL

2 Planning History

97/53752/005 - Reduce thin & crown lift Oak tree (T4) Subject to TPO 885, PERM,02/12/1997
06/53752/006 - Application for crown reduction of 20% and crown thin by 15%, a Common Oak (T4) of TPO 0885., REF,19/09/2006
APP/10/00909 - Crown reduce by 20-30% and crown thin by 15% 1No. Oak tree subject to TPO 0885. , PERM,07/02/2011
GEN/15/00100 - Issues relating to Oak tree to rear of 7 Balmoral Drive., ,29/01/2015

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: 8

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 refers to works to a mature Oak tree located within the front curtilage of a property in Balmoral Drive, Waterloooville. The tree possesses unrestricted views within the street scene and as such represents a high amenity value to the public.

There is a minor amount of epicormic growth on the main stem and there are pruning wounds from previous limb removals, which have occluded well. There are signs of previous pruning works within the crown and a small amount of deadwood, however the crown appear to be displaying normal vigour and vitality. The crown has been heavily crown raised as part of its historic management due to its close proximity to the dwelling. The crown is now touching the rooftop of the building and interfering with the guttering, therefore it requires further cyclical management.

The proposed works to crown reduce the tree on its southern, eastern and western sectors by 2m and reduce its height by 1.5m would serve to reshape the the crown and provide some needed general maintenance to bring the furthest extending branches away from the rooftop of the building and to alleviate the encroachment onto the property. This would also reduce shading to the property and the amount of debris falling into the guttering. These works would neither detriment the health of the tree or the

amenity value that it possesses.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00911

(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: Reduce by 2m 1No. Common Oak (T4) on south, east and west sectors, reduce height by 1.5m. Subject to TPO 0885.
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 13/10/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works