
Site Address: 11 Burwood Grove, Hayling Island, PO11 9DS
Proposal: Reduce crown in height by 2.5m back to suitable growth points, reduce southern and western side laterals by 2.5m and northern and eastern laterals by up to 4.5 metres to re-balance the tree canopy 1No. Oak tree (T1) subject to TPO 1833.
Application No: APP/17/00391 Expiry Date: 06/06/2017
Applicant: Mrs Pringle
Agent: Mr Mansell Case Officer: Jamie Gargett
 Hampshire Tree Services
Ward: Hayling East

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

11 Burwood Grove, Hayling Island, PO11 9DS

2 Planning History

01/66446/000 - First floor side extension providing a gable end over existing garage incorporating a ground floor extension to the rear of the existing garage.,
PERM,14/08/2001

06/66446/001 - Application to crown lift to 5m, remove lower south limb 25cm branch, cut back other south limb branches by 3m and crown thin by 20% a Common Oak (T1) subject to TPO 1833., PERM,09/05/2007

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: 9

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Comment	Officer Comment
I would like to support this application as the tree has grown significantly in the 5 years since we moved into the property. The branches now greatly overhang our garden, blocking a lot of the natural light, particularly in the summer. I also feel that reducing the branch length will put them at a more suitable distance from the property and better balance the canopy of the tree.	Noted

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 located in the rear garden of a property in

Burwood Grove on Hayling Island. The tree has limited views from the street scene due to the close proximity of the neighbouring dwellings, however the upper crown can be viewed above the rooftops of the buildings and the tree provides good private amenity to the school fields that adjoin the rear boundary of the property.

The tree is located in a raised flower bed and is surrounded by dense undergrowth. The main stem is partially Ivy clad on it's lower northern sector and there is also some minor epicormic growth. The canopy is heavily unbalance to it's eastern sector with a major limb extending over neighbouring garden. There is damage from a previous limb tear out and the tree has undergone heavy reduction as part of it's previous management. There are wounds where major limbs have been removed and these have occluded well. There is also the presence of deadwood within it's canopy, however the tree appears to be displaying what is normal in vigour and vitality.

The proposed reduction would rebalance the canopy, which at the moment possesses a risk of failure due to it's heavily weight canopy over the neighbouring garden to the east. The reductions would be to suitable growth points so as to not cause detriment to the overall health of the tree. Due to it's minimal views from the street scene, these works would not detriment the amenity value of the tree either.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00391

(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 crown in height by 2.5m back to suitable growth points, reduce southern and western side laterals by 2.5m and northern and eastern laterals by up to 4.5 metres to re-balance the tree canopy 1No. Oak tree (T1) subject to TPO 1833.
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the tree and its importance in the local landscape.
- 3 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 06/06/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.

