

APP/11/01413 - Crown lift to 3m 3No. Yew trees (T3, T11, T18); crown lift to 3m and remove deadwood 2No. Yew trees (T2, T4); crown lift to 3m 1No. Oak tree (T5); reduce top and sides by 4.5m, crown lift to 3m and remove dead and crossing branches to 1No. Copper Beech tree (T1); reduce top and sides by 4m, crown lift to 3m and remove dead and crossing branches to 1No. Copper Beech tree (T23). All trees subject to TPO 1615., PERM,10/11/2011

APP/11/01738 - Two storey extension to north of the church incorporating felling of 1No. Yew tree (T19) subject to TPO 1615, and landscaping., PERM,22/06/2012

GEN/12/00082 - Are there any proposed works to land at Rook Farm?, ,16/02/2012 22:04:09

APP/12/00090 - Fell 1No. Copper Beech tree (T1) subject to TPO 1615., PERM,13/03/2012

APP/12/00186 - Crown lift 1No. Yew tree (T6) and 1No. Cherry tree (T10) to 3m, subject to TPO 1615. , PERM,28/03/2012

APP/12/00763 - Erection of wooden shed in curtilage of church grounds. (Resubmission.) , NPW,30/07/2013

APP/13/00092 - Discharge of Condition No. 5 of Planning Permission APP/11/01738., PERM,18/02/2013

GEN/13/00720 - Query relating to proposed notice board., UNK,

GEN/15/00072 - Dead, Dying and Dangerous Act- Make tree safe - Yew tree in Church Yard., ,20/01/2015

APP/16/01201 - Display of 3No. non illuminated entrance signs on boundary wall. (Amended application)., PERM,06/01/2017

GEN/16/01351 - Licensing application - bingo premises licence., ,10/01/2017 10:11:32

3 Proposal

Raise crown of 1No. Yew (T11) to 2.2m, removal of one lateral at 2.5m above ground and removal of one lateral at 5m above ground both on western sector; reduce weight of 800mm diameter south facing primary limb on south side of tree by removing 350mm diameter lateral and two 150mm diameter laterals and one 100mm diameter lateral at base; remove all dead wood. Subject to TPO 1615.

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: 15

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 This application relates to the proposed pruning of a very large, mature Yew tree within the churchyard, located to the south of the church itself. Due to its position, age and historical importance, every effort appears to be being made to prolong the life of the tree.

Evidence has been submitted of the presence of *laetiporus* on one of the large limbs and the applicant intends to remove this limb to reduce the risk of failure. The tree is also to be crown lifted to give better clearance of the footpaths beneath it.

The work proposed is considered necessary and appropriate for a tree of this age and location in a well used public area. The tree should be monitored regularly by the landowner.

8 Conclusion

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/01102

(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 works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 1 year from the date of the decision notice.
Reason: To control the timing of the works