
Site Address: 6 Netherfield Close, Havant, PO9 2TG
Proposal: Crown reduce 1No.Oak tree overall by 2.5m back to previous pruning points, remove epicormic growth. Subject to TPO 0136.
Application No: APP/17/00749 Expiry Date: 05/09/2017
Applicant: Mr R James
Agent: Mr M Reed Case Officer: Jamie Gargett
 All Tree Solutions Ltd
Ward: St Faiths

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

6 Netherfield Close, Havant, PO9 2TG

2 Planning History

09/73799/000 - 30% crown reduction and removal of basal epicormic growth of mature Oak (T1) subject to TPO 0136., PERM,29/06/2009

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: 4

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 relates to a mature Oak that is located in the rear garden of a property in Netherfield Close, Emsworth. The property is located at the end of a cul-de-sac and only the upper crown is visible from the street scene above the rooftop of the dwelling. While the tree has limited views, the tree does possess some amenity value and contributes well to the tree cover in the area.

The base is surrounded by lawn with dense Ivy and epicormic growth on the lower main stem, therefore a full assessment of the tree's basal condition could not be made. The crown possesses sparse foliage on the northern sector and there is a small amount of deadwood, however the tree still appears to be displaying normal vigour and vitality. There are signs of previous pruning works and there are some crossing branches within the canopy.

The application specifies a crown reduction of 2.5m back to the previous pruning points and the removal of the extensive epicormic growth. Since the Oak was last pruned in 2009, the tree is in need of further cyclical management. This will decrease the amount of shading to the garden without causing detriment to the health of the tree or public amenity.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00749 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: Crown reduce 1No.Oak tree overall by 2.5m back to previous pruning points, remove epicormic growth. Subject to TPO 0136.
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 05/09/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works