
Site Address: 32 Grassmere Way, Waterloooville, PO7 8RT
Proposal: Crown reduce 3No. Oak by 2m. Subject to G1 of TPO 1206.
Application No: APP/17/00922 Expiry Date: 17/10/2017
Applicant: Mr K Daniels
Agent: Mr D Farrington Case Officer: Maria Stewart
 Sycamore Tree Surgeons
Ward: Cowplain

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

32 Grassmere Way, Waterloooville, PO7 8RT

2 Planning History

01/59730/000 - Crown reduce by 20 - 25% two Oak Trees and reduce height by 3 - 5m another Oak Tree at 32 Grassmere Way. All three Oak Trees are within Group G1 subject to TPO 1206., PERM,19/12/2001

07/59730/001 - Two storey front extension, entrance porch and alterations to fenestration (north-east elevation)., PERM,16/10/2007

09/59730/002 - Porch to front elevation., PERM,05/06/2009

09/59730/003 - Crown reduce by 20%, crown thin by 20% and crown raise to 5m 3No. Oak trees, subject to TPO 1206., PERM,18/09/2009

3 Proposal

Crown reduce 3No. Oak by 2m. Subject to G1 of TPO 1206.

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 three mature Oaks trees that form part of a Group TPO, located within the front curtilage of a property in Grassmere Way, Waterloooville. The property is located at the end of a shared driveway, with the trees lining the boundaries with the neighbouring front gardens. The trees are highly visible from the street scene and therefore possess a high amenity value as a group.

The basal condition of each tree could not be assessed due to dense surrounding shrubs. There is some amount of epicormic growth on the main stems and wounds from previous limb removals, which have occluded well. Within their crowns, there is some minor amount of deadwood and signs of previous pruning works, however the trees appear to be displaying normal vigour and vitality.

The proposed crown reduction of 2m to each tree would be considered reasonable cyclical management for trees of this size located relatively close to residential dwellings. This would serve to minimise shading to the properties nearby and reduce the amount of falling debris onto the gardens below. These works would neither cause detriment to the health of the trees or to their amenity value in the street scene.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00922

(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: Crown reduce 3No. Oak by 2m. Subject to G1 of TPO 1206.
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 17/10/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works