
Site Address: 100 Greenfield Crescent, Waterloooville, PO8 9EL
Proposal: Remove dead wood 1 No. Oak (T1). Remove lowest limb 1 No. Oak (T2) on western sector. Both trees within Woodland W1, subject to TPO 0954.
Application No: APP/17/00016 Expiry Date: 06/03/2017
Applicant: Mr Wheeler
Agent: Case Officer: Jamie Gargett
Ward: Cowplain

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

100 Greenfield Crescent, Waterloooville, PO8 9EL

2 Planning History

91/56045/000 - Reduce crown by 10% on Turkey Oak covered by TPO 954., REF,
05/56045/001 - Replacement rear conservatory., PERM, 13/01/2006
GEN/15/00343 - Dead and dangerous trees., 06/04/2015 10:38:51

3 Proposal

Remove dead wood 1 No. Oak (T1). Remove lowest limb 1 No. Oak (T2) on western sector. Both trees within Woodland W1, subject to TPO 0954.

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: 3

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 This application relates to two mature Oak trees located in the rear garden of a property in the Waterlooville area. The trees are part of a woodlands TPO since they reside on land that was previously agricultural land and purchased by the property owner to increase the garden size. Both trees' main stem bases are surrounded by leaf litter and therefore could not be assessed as to their full condition. Within the canopy, there is evidence of previous pruning and the presence of some deadwood, otherwise the trees are displaying what appears normal in vigour and vitality. The trees have restricted views from the street as they are obscured by the property and neighbouring dwellings, with the only views visible above the property's garage. The application includes works to deadwood the first of the Oak which is well within an acceptable level of cyclical management for a tree of it's maturity and would in no way detriment it's health or it's amenity value. The second Oak sits on the southern boundary line with the neighbouring property. The base is found behind a garden shed and has a twin stem with a strong union, beginning approximately 1.5m above ground level. The proposed works includes the removal of the secondary limp, which leans heavily north east over the garden and towards the property. The removal this limp would contribute towards reducing the risk from a potential future mechanical failure. Although this would leave a large diameter wound, the reduction of risk from a potential mechanical failure must take precedence. These works would not cause detriment to the amenity value of the tree as they would serve to reduce some of the weight within the canopy and rebalance the canopy's shape.

8 Conclusion

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00016

(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: Remove dead wood 1 No. Oak (T1). Remove lowest limb 1 No. Oak (T2) on western sector. Both trees within Woodland W1, subject to TPO 0954.
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the trees and 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 06/03/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.