
Site Address: 3 Richmond Gardens, Crofton Close, Waterlooville, PO7 5BJ
Proposal: Reduce height 1No. Sycamore (T1) by 2.5m, width by 2m and crown lift away from lamp post, subject to TPO 1422.
Application No: APP/17/00827 Expiry Date: 21/09/2017
Applicant: Mr I Warner
Agent: Mr S Jordan Case Officer: Jamie Gargett
 S Jordan Tree Surgery
Ward: Purbrook

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

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2 Planning History

01/64342/000 - Crown reduce by 10%, crown raise, removal of basal suckers and remove deadwood of a Sycamore (T1) subject to TPO 1422, PERM,03/04/2001

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: 5

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 subject of this application is a mature Sycamore tree that is located in the verge of a shared driveway in Richmond Gardens, Waterloooville. The tree possesses unrestricted views from the street scene and the public footpath that runs adjacent to the boundary fence that is located close to the tree's main stem.

The base of the tree is surrounded by lawn and there is evidence that the tree is formerly a multi-stemmed specimen which has had the outer stems reduced to ground level to leave only a single stem. There are signs of included bark and tensile forks. The tree has previously been heavily maintained, which has lead to the tree possessing poor form. The crown appears to be displaying normal vigour and vitality and the furthest extending branches are encroaching on a street lamp.

The proposed works would be consistent with the tree's historic management and minimise the interference with the nearby street furniture. This would not cause detriment to the health of the tree or to the amenity value that the tree brings to street scene.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00827 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 height 1No. Sycamore (T1) by 2.5m, width by 2m and crown lift away from lamp post, subject to TPO 1422.
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 21/09/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works