
Site Address: 12 Leigh Road, Havant, PO9 2ET
Proposal: Crown reduce 1No. Copper Beech (T1) by 2m, subject to TPO 1687.
Application No: APP/17/00954 Expiry Date: 26/10/2017
Applicant: Mr D Moseley
Agent: Case Officer: Maria Stewart
Ward: St Faiths

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

12 Leigh Road, Havant, PO9 2ET

2 Planning History

98/63191/000 - Crown raise the north side up to 4 metres. Remove the largest limb on the north-east side of the tree. Crown reduce the north and north-west sections up to 2 metres of a Copper Beech tree (T1) subject to TPO 1687, PERM,05/05/1998
05/63191/001 - Application for the crown reduction by 20% of a Purple Beech tree (T1) of TPO 1687 & 1692., WD,06/10/2005
07/63191/002 - New Dwelling., WD,26/04/2007
GEN/10/00726 - Tree works., UNK,22/02/2012

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: 2

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 tree subject of this application is a mature Copper Beech. The tree is located behind the property's garage and the crown can be viewed from the street scene above its rooftop. The tree possesses good visual amenity and contributes well to the tree cover in the area.

The base of the main stem could not be viewed due to restricted access, therefore an assessment of its basal condition could not be made. The crown appears to be displaying normal vigour and vitality. The proposed works are appropriate for its size and location so as to achieve a workable and harmonious relationship between the tree, the dwellings and residents. The works outlined within this application should allow for reasonable cyclical management without detriment to either its health or the public amenity that it offers to the street scene.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00954 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. Copper Beech (T1) by 2m, subject to TPO 1687.

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 26/10/18.

Reason: To control the timing of the works