
Site Address: 15 Grove Road, Havant, PO9 1AR
Proposal: Reduce height by approx 1.75m 1No. Beech and reduce all round by 1m back to original manageable globe shape, within Conservation area of St Faiths.
Application No: APP/17/00639 Expiry Date: 16/08/2017
Applicant: Mr M Firman
Agent: Case Officer: Jamie Gargett
Ward: St Faiths

Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

1 Site Description

15 Grove Road, Havant, PO9 1AR

2 Planning History

3 Proposal

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4 Policy Considerations

National Planning Policy Framework
Havant Borough Council Borough Design Guide SPD December 2011
Havant Borough Council Parking SPD July 2016

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: St Faiths

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Conservation Officer

Landscape Team
No Objection

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: 7

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 0

Comment	Officer Comment
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Summary:

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.

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.

The subject of this application is a semi mature Beech tree within the conservation area of St. Faiths. The tree is located in the north facing rear garden, close to the eastern boundary with the neighbouring rear garden. The tree has heavily restricted views from the street scene due to it's relatively small size and the location of the dwelling.

The tree was inspected from outside the property due to restricted access and therefore a full assessment of the tree's condition could not be made. The crown has historically been heavily managed to maintain the size of the tree within a residential garden and to achieve an ornamental globe shape.

The works specified within the application would be be considered consistent with its past management and would continue to maintain the tree's size, which would minimise shading to the property and garden. These works would not detriment the health of the tree, the visual amenity to the street scene or the aesthetic integrity of the conservation area.

8 Conclusion

Raise No Objection

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/17/00639 subject to the following condition