
Site Address: 368 London Road, Waterlooville, PO7 7SY
Proposal: Reduce lateral limbs by 2m on Northern sector to clear adjoining property 1No. Redwood by 7m, subject to TPO1627.
Application No: APP/16/01166 Expiry Date: 09/01/2017
Applicant: Mr D Barkaway
 Waterlooville Baptist Church
Agent: Mr D Farrington Case Officer: Jamie Gargett
 Sycamore Tree Surgeons
Ward: Waterloo

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

368 London Road, Waterlooville, PO7 7SY

2 Planning History

96/51784/003 - Culvert ditch to north boundary, PERM,28/11/1996
95/51784/002 - Piping of ditch and remove hedge to north boundary, REF,11/08/1995
93/51784/001 - Replacement twin notice boards at front., PERM,
03/51784/004 - Application to fell an Ash tree (T5) subject to TPO 1627.,
PERM,24/03/2003
06/51784/005 - Replacement of boundary treatment to south eastern boundary with a
1.8 metre high timber fence and chain link fencing., PERM,28/03/2006
07/51784/006 - Root prune a Wellingtonia (Redwood Tree) T16 subject to TPO 0856.,
PERM,18/06/2007
08/51784/007 - Display of illuminated notice board fronting London Road.,
PERM,03/06/2008
GEN/10/00889 - Replacement fencing and tree, ,02/12/2010 09:29:59
GEN/14/00853 - Erection of a name board sign., ,30/10/2014 15:48:18
APP/14/01221 - Display of 1No. free standing pole mounted sign., PERM,20/01/2015

3 Proposal

Crown reduce 1No. Redwood by 7m, subject to TPO1627.

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: 17

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 0

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 the lateral reduction by 2m to the northern sector of a mature Redwood tree found in the front car park of a place of worship. The overall health of the tree could not be assessed as the base was obscured by Ivy growth, with the main stem leaning slightly towards the east, but otherwise it appears to be displaying what is normal in vigour and vitality. The tree has a significant presence on the street scene and possesses a high amenity value. The original application stated a 7m crown reduction which would have led to a severe reduction in the height of the tree and to large diameter cuts to the branches and main stem. Although the applicant wished to manage the height of the tree, by nature this species grows particularly tall and the applicant was advised that these works would excessively cause detriment the health of the tree and the amenity value. A compromised solution was reached to reduce the lateral branches on the northern aspect so that a 2m clearance with the neighbouring dwelling was achieved which would reduce shading to the property. In addition, the applicant was advised to arrange for an aerial inspection of the tree so as to check for evidence of any poor health that would not be easily viewed from the ground.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/16/01166

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 lateral limbs by 2m on Northern sector to clear adjoining property 1No. Redwood by 7m, subject to TPO1627.
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 09/01/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works