
Site Address: Trees to rear of 2 Lower Bere Wood, Waterlooville, PO7 7NQ

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Application No: APP/17/00430

Expiry Date: 14/06/2017

Applicant: Ms T Budge

Agent:

Case Officer: Jamie Gargett

Ward: Stakes

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

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2 Planning History

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: 14

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 application relates to a number of trees within an area TPO in Waterloo. The trees are located on a raised banking verge next to a public footpath. As the trees are adjacent to a public thoroughfare, the trees possess a significant public amenity value.

Within the application are works to prune the branches of both a Holly shrub and a Hawthorn shrub. Both are set amongst other dense shrubs and are surrounded by lawn. There are signs of their previous management and both are displaying what appears normal in vigour and vitality. The furthest extending branches overhang the

footpath and are in close proximity to a lamp post. The works within the application to prune these shrubs to provide a clearance away from the lamp post and away from the pavement would be consistent with their past maintenance while reducing the inference between these branches and the public footpath lighting.

The first of the two Oaks (T1) within the application is a mature specimen with its main stem surrounded by lawn and some minor bramble and Ivy growth around its base. There is a large amount of deadwood present within the canopy and signs of previous heavy management. The crown possesses sparse foliage and is displaying reduced vigour and vitality. The canopy extends over the footpath and the adjacent residential garden beyond. The crown reduction of 2.5m would be considered reasonable cyclical management for a tree of this size and maturity, with the crown lift to a height of 5m over the footpath providing ease of access along the pavement and removing the lowest branches creating a shading nuisance for the resident's garden.

The remaining Oak (T2), again a mature specimen, has its main stem partially surrounded by another Holly shrub and partially by lawn. There is some minor mechanical damage evident around its base. Similar to the first Oak, there are signs of previous heavy management and the tree is displaying reduced vigour and vitality. The canopy is unbalanced with a bias towards the west. The height reduction and reduction to the western sector by 2.5m would manage the tree's size in relation to its close proximity to a residential dwelling and reduce any shading nuisance. Since the tree is located on a lower part of the banking verge, the removal of the two lowest branches on the main stem would remove the inference with the ease of access along the public footpath as well as rebalancing the canopy's shape.

The works within the application are considered reasonable cyclical management for trees in close proximity to a public thoroughfare and would not detriment the health of the trees or the amenity value of the area TPO as a whole.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00430

(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: Crown reduce by 2.5m, 1No. Common Oak, crown lift northside

by 5m and remove deadwood; reduce laterals on western sector of 1No. Common Oak by 2.5m and height by 2.5m, remove bottom 2 branches overhanging path; Cut back 1No. Hawthorn by 1m away from lamp post on path; Reduce 1No, Holly by 1m (pavement aspect). All trees subject to Area Order A2 of TPO 0977.

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 14/06/18.

Reason: To control the timing of the works