

Application to Fell TPO Tree T11

Identification of Trees and Description of Works

TPO tree T11 is located to the front (north side) of Silversands , 12 – 14 Hollow Lane, Hayling Island, PO11 9FH

See accompanying sketch location Plan.

The tree is believed to be a Turkey Oak.

The application is to fell the TPO tree and replace it with two ornamental cherry trees. The exact species and location to be agreed but potential replacement trees would be in front of Silversands (North Side) near to the location of the current TPO tree. This would supplement the one existing Cherry tree located in this vicinity and thereby create a row of three Cherry Trees across the front of Silversands.

Reasons for Request to Fell

The existing TPO Oak Tree is large and close to the front of the apartment block and windows. It causes heavy shadowing and significantly reduces light into the apartments at the front of the block.

In addition the tree sheds leaves throughout the autumn, and into the winter months, which are a nuisance and cause a slip hazard to the elderly residents using the entrance and pathway to the apartment block, which is directly under the tree.

A further compelling reason for the request to fell the TPO tree and replace it with two smaller trees is, however, in relation to the wellbeing of the elderly residents. One resident in particular living at number 8 Silversands suffers from anxiety and depression and is undergoing ongoing treatment for this. This condition is made significantly worse by lack of daylight and noise resulting from the tree swaying in strong winds. The effects of this are felt throughout the spring and summer months and are very severe.

Authorisation has been granted by the Council to undertake pruning of the TPO tree on two occasions, but this has only allowed for very minimal pruning which has made no appreciable difference to the issues of concern.

All of the residents living in Silversands support this application, see supporting letters. Silversands residents have appointed three Directors to represent the interests of all residents and to manage the Maintenance Contract. All three Directors support this application.

This matter has been considered carefully by the residents of Silversands who feel collectively that the removal of the large TPO Oak tree and replacement with two smaller ornamental trees, which can be more effectively managed, will have great benefits to all residents whilst not unduly impacting on the local environment. The replacement with two smaller Cherry trees may also have beneficial impacts for local bird species.