

1 Site Description

13 Wensley Gardens, Emsworth, PO10 7RA

2 Planning History

00/58391/003 - Crown reduce by 20-25% an Ash tree (T5) within the rear garden of 13 Wensley Gardens subject to TPO1033., PERM,19/12/2000
99/58391/002 - Conservatory to rear (north) elevation., PERM,20/04/1999
93/58391/001 - Single storey rear extension, PERM,25/08/1993
10/58391/004 - First floor rear extension., PERM,02/03/2010
10/58391/005 - Crown reduce by 30% 1No. Ash tree (T6) subject to TPO 1033. , PERM,13/04/2010

3 Proposal

Crown reduce 1No. Ash (T6) by 4m. Subject to TPO 1033.

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: 6

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 is with respects to a mature Ash tree situated in the rear garden of the property in Wensley Gardens possessing a high amenity value due to unrestricted views from the residential road adjoining the rear boundary. Within the canopy there is evidence of a small cavity on a secondary branch. The base of the tree could not be inspected due to surrounding shrubs. The application states that there has been a previous existence of Honey Fungus within the garden. Since the base was unable to be assessed, the applicant was advised to consult a qualified tree surgeon to inspect the tree for the potential presence of Honey Fungus which has now been carried out. According to their assessment, there are no signs of basal fungus present. The tree is still budding, exhibiting what appears to be normal in vigour and vitality. The original application included a crown reduction of 4m which would have been considered excessive and would have been detrimental the amenity value and health of the tree. After negotiation with the applicant and in consultation with their tree surgeon, an amendment to the works has been agreed that would include the crown reduction of 2.5m to 3m back to previous pruning points. This would be a reasonable level of maintenance without causing detriment to the amenity value or health of the tree.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/16/01185

(A)

(B) for the following reasons/subject to the following conditions