
Site Address: 21 Latchmore Gardens, Waterloooville, PO8 8XR
Proposal: Crown reduce 1No. Oak by 1.5 - 2 metres, remove lower branches up to 6m to keep driveway clear and remove ivy on stem, within Group G1 subject to TPO 0560.
Application No: APP/15/01417
Applicant: Mr Kevin Baker
Agent: Mr Simon Amott
Ward: Cowplain

Expiry Date: 15/02/2016
Team: Team 2
Case Officer: Jamie Gargett

Amott Tree Surgery Ltd

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

21 Latchmore Gardens, Waterloooville, PO8 8XR

2 Planning History

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3 Proposal

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4 Policy Considerations

Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) March 2011

DM8 (Conservation, Protection and Enhancement of Existing Natural Features)

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: 4

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:

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 tree at subject of this application is a single, mature oak adjacent to the driveway of a residential dwelling. This oak has a small crown with a lot of deadwood throughout, a lot of epicormic growth and also has ivy growing from its base and covering a great percentage of the main stem and branches on the specimen. The tree seemed to be budding well and evidentially showing signs of normal vigour vitality.

The works proposed in this application remove the ivy making it easier to get a better understand of the condition of the tree. Removing the epicormic growth and a crown lift to 6M will also tidy up the base of the tree raising its amenity value of the area, giving better clearance to the footpath as well as to the drive way under the crown of the tree. The 1.5M crown reduce proposed is reasonable and should not cause detriment to its health.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/15/01417

(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 1No. Oak by 1.5 - 2 metres, remove lower branches up to 6m to keep driveway clear and remove ivy on stem, within Group G1 subject to TPO 0560..
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the tree and its importance in the local landscape.

- 3 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 15/02/2017.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.