
Site Address: 46 Fourth Avenue, Havant, PO9 2QX
Proposal: 1No Beech crown reduction by 2 metres to previous pruning points, leaving a height of 15 metres and a crown spread of 10 metres. Tree subject to TPO 1378.
Application Type: Works to TPO Tree
Application No: APP/24/00116 Expiry Date: 10/04/2024
Applicant: David Brimage
Agent: Mr D Farrington Case Officer: Tree Officer
Sycamore Tree Surgeons
Ward: St Faiths

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

46 Fourth Avenue, Havant, PO9 2QX

2 Planning History

97/51946/000 - Crown reduction and reshape and crown lift to gutter height Beech tree (T1 of TP O 1378), PERM,10/11/1997
06/51946/001 - Application to crown reduce by 30% and crown thin by 20% a Copper Beech (T1) subject to TPO 1378., PERM,01/12/2006
APP/14/01316 - Crown reduce by 3m and reshape, 1No. Beech, subject to TPO 1378., PERM,30/01/2015
APP/20/00148 - Tree works., UNK,
APP/20/00277 - Crown reduce height of 1No. Beech (T1) by 3m, crown reduce north lateral sector by 2m and east, west and south sector by 3m all back to previous cuts, leaving a crown height of 12m and crown spread of 6m; crown lift two lower branches to provide 6m clearance above ground level. (As shown in annotated photos) Subject to TPO 1378., PERM,04/06/2020

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

Councillor Gillian Harris

Councillor Imogen Payter

Councillor Phil Munday - St Faiths

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: 7

Number of site notices: At least one site notice exists - check the number.

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 the tree and whether this could also be harmful to the ongoing health and vitality of the tree.

7.2 This report relates specifically to assessing the proposed works rather than generally inspecting the tree's health and condition in any detail.

The beech is a small mature tree that stands prominently on the northern frontage of the property with Fourth Avenue. The beech has been previously intensively managed and the records show that the tree has had four separate previous successful applications for similar works since 1997. This has resulted in the tree having a small and compact canopy. Some encroachment over the northern elevations of the dwelling is evident. The beech tree is prominent and provides visual amenity, canopy cover and contributes to the ecosystem services of the area.

7.3 The reasons proposed for the pruning works are to retain the tree with a smaller canopy whilst improving light levels to the property.

The proposed pruning works appear to be reasonable in this case.

7.4 The application form does not offer any concerns over the health and condition of the trees.

8 Conclusion

It is recommended that the works on the tree should be granted consent subject to conditions.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Executive Head of Place be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/24/00116 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 works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than one year from the date of this decision notice.

Reason: To control the timing of the works.