
Site Address: 108 Greenfield Crescent, Waterloooville, PO8 9EL
Proposal: Fell 1No Turkey Oak (T1). Subject to TPO 0954.
Application Type: Works to TPO Tree
Application No: APP/23/01056 Expiry Date: 04/03/2024
Applicant: Mrs Harvey
Agent: Mr Miller Case Officer: Tree Officer
South Downs Tree Services
Ward: Cowplain

Recommendation: **REFUSE TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

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2 Planning History

GEN/15/00343 - Dead and dangerous trees., ,06/04/2015 10:38:51

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 Andrew Briggs

Councillor D Keast - Cowplain

Councillor Neil Bowdell - Cowplain

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: Not applicable.

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:

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

7.3 T1 is a turkey oak growing to the rear of a garden. Submitted documents indicate that it is c. 25m from the rear of the property to the east.

7.4 It is part of a fairly consistent line of trees that grow to the back of the properties on the east of Greenfield Crescent so are of high value in terms of connectivity and screening and have reasonable visual amenity from the road, forming a green backdrop to the properties.

7.5 The proposal is to fell T1, but no substantive justification for this is offered: no damage or harm is alleged or evidenced, and no fear that it will break or fall have been cited. The proposal to remove one healthy tree and replant it with another in a very similar position will result in a loss for many decades of the ecosystem services the tree provides and seems counterintuitive.

7.6 The reasons cite potential damage and the tree being encompassed with woodland to the rear. The tree is part of a fairly cohesive linear group but not a woodland, which sits further north.

7.7 Removal would reduce amenity and set a precedent for removing healthy trees on a low evidence base.

8 **CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that the works to the trees should be REFUSED.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Place be authorised to **REFUSE TPO CONSENT** for application APP/23/01056

(A) for the following reason:

Reason: The tree is an important feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. The proposed works would result in undue loss and detriment to the visual amenities of the locality and local wildlife. It is therefore contrary to policy CS16 and DM8 of the Havant Borough Core Strategy 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

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