
Site Address: Entrance to Car Park, 1 Oaklands Road, Havant, PO9 2RD
Proposal: 1No Cupressus (Cypress) (T7 - shown as T1 on plan) - Reduce crown height by 1m and spread by 0.5 metres, leaving crown height of 9 metres and crown spread of 4-4.5 metres subject to TPO 1122.
Application Type: Works to TPO Tree
Application No: APP/22/00511 Expiry Date: 07/07/2022
Applicant: Ms K Gaunt
Grange Property Management
Agent: Mr A Jones Case Officer: Tom Gregory
Primary Tree Surgeons Ltd
Ward: St Faiths

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

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2 Planning History

GEN/14/00329 - Tree damaging brick wall and pavement., ,28/03/2014
APP/14/00720 - Remove to ground level 1 No. Lawson Cypress (T7), subject to TPO 1122., REF,29/08/2014
APP/16/00432 - Tree works., UNK,
APP/16/01138 - Crown reduce 1No. Lawson Cypress (T7) by 3m and perimeter by 0.5m, subject to TPO 1122., REF,07/12/2016
APP/18/01134 - Reduce height 1No. Cupressus tree by 2m leaving tree 10m high and crown lift to 3.5m, subject to TPO 1122. , PERM,05/12/2018
APP/21/01429 - Fell 1No Lawson Cypress (T1 on plan). Subject to TPO 1122., WD,08/04/2022

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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 Imogen Payter

Councillor Philip Munday - St Faiths

Councillor T Pike - St Faith's

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: 51

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 7

Comment	Officer Comment
As a resident of Norfolk House I support the application for the conifer tree to be trimmed down. My flat is near the tree and I can see how large it has become.	
The Conifer tree has grown a lot since it was last trimmed in 2019 It is so large now it blocks out a lot of natural light coming in to some of the residents in Norfolk House.	

Having the tree trimmed back a bit would be beneficial to the residents, but also I think to the tree itself as it is looking a bit overgrown now.	
I fully support the above application The tree is very tall, misshapen and when windy sways quite badly. Any branches which fly off could cause extensive damage to property, pedestrians and parked cars. The tree in question is positioned directly outside my flat. It plays a large part in my day to day living especially as it blocks out light I very much hope you will take into consideration my views. [redacted]	
Letter dated 10.8.22	
Letter dated 20.7.22	
Objection received 10.8.22	
I am very much in support of the conifer tree in Norfolk House being trimmed down. I live in a flat right by the tree and it has got so big now that it blocks out a lot of the natural light that comes in to my flat, so I end up having my light on most of the day. Also, when it gets big when we have storms the branches blow and bend so much they look as though they may break and come off and that would be dangerous for residents walking in the garden, or they may damage properties. I know it is a lovely tree and it has a TPO on it but all the other trees and bushes in Norfolk House get trimmed regularly so surely this one should too! I believe that the views of the residents of Norfolk House should be taken in to consideration more than that of residents of the surrounding streets as the tree is in our communal garden and therefore what happens to it affects us more than them.	

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 tree in question makes a positive contribution to local amenity. Reasons provided for the proposals relate to general maintenance and allowing light into garden. The proposed work has been carried out before and will have a minimal impact on the long term health of the tree and local amenity. Representations have been received for and against, including one particularly strong objection. However, the matters raised are not considered sufficient grounds for a refusal when considering the impact of the proposals on the tree and local amenity

8 Conclusion

Permit

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/22/00511 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