
Site Address: 15 Upper Bere Wood, Waterloooville, PO7 7HX
Proposal: Fell 1No. Pine, within A1 of TPO 0977.
Application Type: Works to TPO Tree
Application No: APP/24/00018 Expiry Date: 06/03/2024
Applicant: Mrs Goff
Agent: Mr Wilson Case Officer: Tree Officer
 All Seasons Tree Surgeons
Ward: Stakes

Recommendation: **REFUSE TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

15 Upper Bere Wood, Waterloooville, PO7 7HX

2 Planning History

93/58151/000 - Felling of north eastern of two Spruce to rear, covered by TPO 977
, PERM, 14/04/1993

3 Proposal

Fell 1No. Pine, within A1 of TPO 0977.

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 Diana Patrick

Councillor Elizabeth (formerly Dianne) Lloyd

Councillor S Milne

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: 17

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 degree of pruning works requested would undermine the amenity value of this tree and whether this could also be harmful to the ongoing health and vitality of the tree.

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

7.4 T1 is a mature pine in the rear garden of a domestic dwelling. It has high amenity. It appears to be in good physiological and structural condition.

7.5 The reasons proposed for the removal are that adjacent trees have failed in recent years. These failures were in high winds. T1 has remained indicating it has good wind-firmness.

7.6 The tree is described as 'top heavy'. It is a pine and it is exhibiting the natural form for its species, which typically sheds lower branches as the height increases, leaving the live canopy at the top of the tree.

7.7 The stem is in column and shows no sign of heave or lean.

7.8 The application form indicates that the applicant or agent has concerns over the condition of the tree, but there is no additional information. Should the applicant have concern, Regulation 16(1) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012 states "*appropriate evidence describing any structural damage to property or in relation to tree health or safety, as applicable*", is to be supplied with the application. Therefore, written arboricultural advice or other diagnostic information from an appropriate expert should be submitted with the application where the applicant believes work is required on safety grounds.

7.9 The requested work is deemed unjustified in the absence of such evidence. The proposed works would have a detrimental impact on the amenity value of the area, and wildlife, and would not be in accordance with Policy CS16 and DM8.1 of the Core Strategy (2011).

8 **Conclusion**

It is recommended that the Council issues REFUSES PERMISSION for the following works:

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Executive Head of Place be authorised to **REFUSE TPO CONSENT** for application APP/24/00018

(A)

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

- 1 The tree is an important feature in the local landscape and appears to be in good physiological and structural condition. The proposed works would result in unwarranted loss of visual amenity and ecosystem services. It is therefore contrary to policy CS16 and DM8.1 of the Havant Borough Core Strategy 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

