

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT

Site Address: 5 Hollow Lane, Hayling Island, PO11 9AA
Proposal: Works to trees overhanging the garden of 19 Garden Close.
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1 No Lime crown reduction of 4 metres or previous pruning points.
1 No Birch crown reduction of 4 metres.
Elder trees crown reduction of 2 metres.
Fir trees crown reduction of 1 metre.
Works are to take overhanging branches back to the boundary, leaving 1 to 2 metres between the boundary and the stem. Trees subject to TPO Area 0107 (A1).
Application Type: Works to TPO Tree
Application No: APP/24/00705 Expiry Date: 11/11/2024
Applicant: Mrs K Cogger
Agent: Case Officer: Tree Officer
Ward: Hayling West

Recommendation: **REFUSE TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

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2 Planning History

00/55579/007 - Crown raise up to 3 metres 2 Lime trees. Also remove 1 lateral limb from Sycamo
re and fell 1 Ash tree. All trees are within Area A1 subject to TPO 107.,
PERM,23/03/2000
99/55579/006 - Crown raise an Oak tree within Area A1 subject to TPO 107,
PERM,06/09/1999
97/55579/005 - Crown lift one Lime tree up to 6 metres and remove deadwood and
reshape the crow
n of another Lime tree, both trees within A1 of TPO 107, PERM,02/10/1997
96/55579/004 - Selective pruning of 2 Oaks and 1 Ash covered by TPO 107,
PERM,14/02/1997
95/55579/003 - Pollard
Lime tree covered by TPO 107, PERM,24/10/1995
94/55579/001 - Raising
the crown of an Oak to 8m and pollarding a Lime t previous pollard point
s
- covered by TPO 107., PERM,14/09/1994
94/55579/002 - Felling
of Lime tree covered by TPO 107, REF,07/11/1994
90/55579/000 - Lime - thin crown by 10%-15% and reshape and lift crown to 5
meters. Ash - re
duce all main limbs to approx 14m from ground
level:both trees covered by TPO
107, PERM,
03/55579/008 - Remove easterly limb from Oak and crown reduce by 5m an Ash, both
trees within Area A1 of TPO 107. Crown raise up to 4m and thin by 10% a Lime tree
(T9) of TPO 902., PERM,05/02/2004

05/55579/009 - Tree Works., UNK,
05/54092/004 - Tree Works., UNK,
07/55579/010 - Tree Works. , UNK,
GEN/11/01240 - DDD, ,08/09/2011
GEN/13/00080 - Fallen Sycamore tree, ,29/01/2013
APP/19/00160 - Reduce height of 2No. Ash by 4m and up to 3m on sides and removal of 3 limbs overhanging 5 Hollow Lane from 1No. Ash; Reduce height of 5No. Sycamores by 4m and up to 3m on sides and fell 2No. Sycamore. All trees subject to A1 of TPO 0107., PERM,20/03/2019
GEN/22/00171 - TPO107 Fallen Ash tree., NFA,22/02/2022
APP/24/00197 - Reduce 1No. Lime to previous pruning points subject to TPO 0902., PERM,10/05/2024
APP/24/00198 - Tree works, UNK,14/10/2024

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 Jonathan Hulls

Councillor Paul Gray

Councillor Wilf Forrow

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: 12

Number of site notices: Not applicable.

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Comment	Officer Comment
<p>Good afternoon, [Redacted]</p> <p>The proposed tree work description states "to cut back the branches to the boundary line leaving 1-2 meters between the trunk and the boundary "</p> <p>To this end I would like to STRONGLY OBJECT to this proposal as it would spoil the natural look of the trees concerned, as it is, they have been harshly pruned in the past and the shape of the trees is uneven. The crown reduction of 4m is quite substantial and would disfigure the trees further.</p> <p>[Redacted] "pruned back in line with the fence".</p> <p>I believed that the purpose of a TPO was to protect the tree and maintain a natural look and I feel that this is not going to be the case here.</p> <p>If you would like to discuss this further please let me know as I'm always available to meet your tree officer [Redacted] where I can explain the points listed above.</p> <p>Regards [Redacted]</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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 works subject to this application are considered excessive and not in line with BS 3998 - they would potentially cause detriment to the health of the trees and do not require the excessive lateral cutting back or reduction. In addition to this the works are not supported by the owner of the trees.

8 **Conclusion**

Refuse on impact to the trees.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Executive Head of Place be authorised to **REFUSE TPO CONSENT** for application APP/24/00705 for the following reasons

- 1 The trees are a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. It is therefore contrary to policy DM8 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework.
- 2 The application is contrary to policy DM8 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework.