
Site Address: 6 Leigh Road, Havant, PO9 2ET
Proposal: T1 - Yew - Crown reduce by 1.5M overall - Subject to TPO 1304
Application Type: Works to TPO Tree
Application No: APP/23/00735 Expiry Date: 26/10/2023
Applicant: Mr Davies
Agent: Mr Fazackarley Case Officer: Tree Officer
Michael Reed & Co Tree
Service Ltd
Ward: St Faiths

Recommendation: **REFUSE TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

6 Leigh Road, Havant, PO9 2ET

2 Planning History

92/55330/003 - Conversion of existing house into 4 flats and associated parking., PERM,
92/55330/005 - Conversion of existing house into 4 flats and associated parking, REF,03/09/1992
92/55330/006 - Two storey rear/side extension and alterations of dwelling t form 6 flats (varia
tion of Planning Permission Nos. 92/55330/3 for 4
flats)., PERM,17/12/1992
APP/18/00882 - Field Maple, Reduce due to lack of space. Reduce Cherry Plum for Amenity Value. Reduce Magnolia for Amenity Value. Reduce Conifers for light., WD,12/09/2018
APP/20/01081 - 1No. Yew (T1 on plan) reduce lowest eastern limb by 1.5m overhanging drive, subject to TPO 1304., PERM,21/12/2020
APP/21/01146 - Detached garage with landscaping works and minor adjustments to existing accesses from public highways., PERM,01/02/2022

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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 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: 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:

- 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 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 The yew T1 stands to the frontage of the property in a bank of trees between Leigh

Road and the dwelling.

7.4 It has not been reduced in the past and has an open grown form.

7.5 Yew is evergreen and so it offers screening and greening to the streetscape all year round. Other trees are deciduous so do not offer these attributes all year.

7.6 No reason has been given for the proposal other than maintenance. Pruning trees is not a necessary procedure where there is not conflict, as is the case here.

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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/23/00735

(A)

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

- 1 The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. Its proposed felling would result in undue loss and detriment to the visual amenities of the locality. It is therefore contrary to policy DM8 of the Havant Borough Core Strategy 2011 which forms part of the National Planning Policy Framework 2023.