
Site Address: 11 Bladon Close, Havant, PO9 2QA
Proposal: 1No Walnut Tree (T1) cut back to existing growth points reducing crown height from 9 metres to 8 metres and take span of tree from 6 metres to 4.5 metres. One limb on left of tree bring down in height to 1.5 metres to bring tree back into balance. Subject to TPO 1279.
Application Type: Works to TPO Tree
Application No: APP/24/00007 Expiry Date: 18/03/2024
Applicant: Mr C Burgess
S&k Garden and Tree's
Agent: Mr Williams Case Officer: Tree Officer
S&k Garden and Tree's
Ward: St Faiths

Recommendation: **REFUSE TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

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2 Planning History

06/71832/000 - Application to remove lower branch of a Walnut tree (T6) subject to TPO 1279., PERM,18/12/2006
APP/15/00769 - Tree works., UNK,
APP/16/00017 - Crown reduce 1No. Walnut (T6) by 2m and reduce lowest branch of tree by 4m back to main growth point subject to TPO1279., PERM,23/02/2016
APP/19/00969 - 1No. Walnut (T1) crown reduce by 2m and remove smaller diameter branch growing to the east. Subject to TPO 1279., PERM,31/10/2019

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 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: 9

Number of site notices: Not applicable.

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Comment	Officer Comment
We have no objections to the work being done and fully support the application.	Thank you for your comments, they have been considered in line with council policy and best arboricultural practice

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 T1 walnut growing in back garden of property. Tree is of good form and visible from Bladon Close and properties to the rear in Marlborough Park

7.4 T1 walnut is growing in the rear garden of the applicant address. It is of a good form and even structure as seen from Bladon Close. It has been reduced previously, but the current form offers good amenity to the adjacent properties.

7.5 No records of failure or damage are recorded, and no fears of breakage are stated. Tree is young and appears to be in good health.

7.6 Reduction works cited do not seem to be necessary and will reduce the amenity. The use of 'left' in the specification means I cannot assess the works fully as I don't know which aspect the tree was viewed from, but I could not see anything that looked to be forming a lever arm or growing substantially beyond the canopy outline. The works will have only a temporary result on the size but will open multiple pathways for pathogens and cause the tree to expend energy reserves. The works will promote denser regrowth so may exacerbate any future problems.

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/24/00007

(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. The tree surgery proposed in the deposited application would result in excessive reduction of the tree's landscape impact and undue 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 Local Development Framework and the National Planning Policy Framework 2023.