

Prune back 1No. Apple tree by 1 metre to remove growth over lawn. Reduce in height 1No. multi stemmed Hazel tree by 2 metres. Crown reduce 1No. Holly tree by 2 metres. All trees within Conservation Area St Peters., RNO,29/11/2018
APP/19/00042 - Reduce height of 3No. Cherry trees by 2 metres (T1, T2 and T3) and crown reduce 1No. Silver Birch tree by 2 metres (T4) within Conservation Area St Peters., RNO,14/02/2019
GEN/19/00128 - Prune/removal of fallen fig tree under DD exemption., ,12/02/2019

3 Proposal

Crown reduce 1No. Multi Stem Bay (T1) back to previous pruning points; Crown reduce group of Bay, Laurel and Viburnum shrubs (T2) to leave a standing height of approx 2m and reduce sides to shape; Crown reduce 1No. Magnolia (T3) to leave a standing height of approx 6m, and shape sides to suit; Crown reduce 4No. Cherry (T4) to previous pruning points; Crown reduce 9No. Pittosporums (T5) to leave a standing height of 3m, reduce sides to shape; Crown reduce 2No. Conifer (T6) to leave a standing height of approx 7m, reduce sides to shape; Reduce southern sector of 1No. Oak (T7) to near boundary line and shape into top of canopy; Fell 1No. Multi Stem Goat Willow (T8). Within Conservation Area of St Peter's.

4 Policy Considerations

National Planning Policy Framework
Havant Borough Council Borough Design Guide SPD December 2011
Havant Borough Council Parking SPD July 2016

Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) March 2011

Havant Borough Local Plan (Allocations) July 2014

Emsworth Neighbourhood Plan Post Examination Version 2020

Listed Building Grade: Not applicable.
Conservation Area: St Peters

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Conservation Officer

Councillor Leah Turner - Hayling East

Councillor Mark Coates

Councillor R Raines - Hayling East

Landscape Team, Havant Borough Council

Planning Application APP/24/00008 Church Farm, Church Lane, Hayling Island, PO11 0SB

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No landscape objection.

Kind regards,

Harry Mitchell CMLI
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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: 10

Number of site notices: Not applicable.

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 0

Comment	Officer Comment

Summary:

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 Council seeks to protect tree coverage in the Borough, but when considering a section 211 notice the Council must consider the impact of the proposed works to the amenity value of the tree and its contribution towards preserving and enhancing the character and appearance of the Conservation Area to determine if it justifies protection by a TPO.

7.4 When considering the amenity value, the Council is advised by National Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) 'Tree Protection Orders and Trees in Conservation Areas'. The PPG state a number of criteria for the Council to consider, which include visibility, size and form, future potential, rarity, cultural/historical value, relationship with the landscape and contribution to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

7.5 After receiving the comments from the Council Landscape Architect and considering national guidance the local authority does not believe the proposed works to the trees would justify their protection with a TPO.

7.6 Whilst it is disappointing to see the removal of the goat willow (T8), the tree is not clearly visible from the surrounding public areas, restricting its amenity value to the local area. The loss of the tree would not have a significant impact on the overall canopy cover, but the authority would encourage the applicant to consider planting a replacement tree to maintain the verdant character of the area.

7.7 The proposed works would not have a significant detrimental impact on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area, maintaining a previously agreed management approach for many of the trees, and would be in accordance with Policy CS11, CS16 and DM8 of the Core Strategy (2011).

8 Conclusion

Raise no objection.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Place be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/24/00008

(A)

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