
Site Address: 24B New Brighton Road, Emsworth, PO10 7QP
Proposal: Fell 2No. Pine trees (T1 & T2 on Plan); subject to TPO 1210 within A1.
Application Type: Works to TPO Tree
Application No: APP/22/00474 Expiry Date: 28/06/2022
Applicant: Mr Rutledge
Rutledge & Coe Tree Services
Agent: Case Officer: Tom Gregory
Ward: Emsworth

Recommendation: **REFUSE TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

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2 Planning History

APP/15/01214 - Fell 1No. Ash (T1), crown reduce 1No. Ash (T2) by 4m and reduce lever arm by m, remove branches 1No. Ash (T3) fouling neighbouring roof on east sector to give 1m clearance of roof., UNK,

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 Julie Thain-Smith

Councillor Lulu Bowerman

Councillor R Kennett

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: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Comment	Officer Comment
At a time during Jubilee year when we are being exhorted to plant more trees there are an increasing number of trees, protected by TPOs which are under threat, including these ones. They are TPO'd for a reason, they enhance the street view and the local neighbourhood and this should be respected by residents and the Council. I oppose the felling of these trees and if the council agrees to the application they should be replaced by mature trees which should also be subject to a TPO/	

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 trees in question make a positive contribution to local amenity. Reasons provided for the removal of this tree relate to size and safety. However, no evidence has been submitted to support this.

'The presence and impact of pests, diseases or fungi that require work to be carried out to the tree(s) should be described in written evidence or diagnostic information from an arboriculturalist or other appropriate expert. Arboricultural evidence must be provided to support applications that suggest the tree has defects that may be of concern to the current or future safe retention of the tree or parts of the tree'.

8 Conclusion

Refuse

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **REFUSE TPO CONSENT** for application APP/22/00474 for the following reason

- 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. [A more appropriate course of action would be through management of the tree's size and impact through a scheme of approved surgery.] It is therefore contrary to policy DM8 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework.