
Site Address:	19 The Parchment, Havant, PO9 1HD		
Proposal:	Fell 1No. Beech subject to TPO 0979.		
Application Type:	Works to TPO Tree		
Application No:	APP/22/00166	Expiry Date:	28/04/2022
Applicant:	Mr D Guest		
	Parchment Residents		
Agent:	Mr M Reed	Case Officer:	Tom Gregory
	M Reed & Co Ltd		
Ward:	St Faiths		

Recommendation: **REFUSE TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

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2 Planning History

98/57184/005 - Remove deadwood and epicormic growth on a Lime tree (T1) subject to TPO 1509, PERM,31/03/1998

08/72928/000 - Replacement of flat UPVC roof to existing conservatory with new UPVC pitched roof., PERM,23/05/2008

APP/13/00906 - Crown reduce 1No. Beech (T2) by 3m, subject to TPO 0979; remove epicormic growth of 1No. Lime (T1), subject to TPO 1509., PERM,18/10/2013

APP/13/00925 - Reduce 1No. Bay by 3m in height, crown reduce 1No. Oak by 2.5m to previous pruning points; crown reduce 1No. Alder by 3m to previous pruning points; crown reduce 1No. Sycamore by 2.5m to previous pruning points; crown reduce 1No. Alder by 2.5m overall. All trees within Conservation Area of St Faiths., RNO,16/10/2013

APP/16/01200 - Crown reduce height of 1No. Bay by 3m back to previous pruning points; crown reduce 1No. Turkey Oak by 2m back to previous pruning points; crown reduce in height 1No. Alder by 3.5m and laterals by 2m back to previous pruning points. All trees within Conservation Area of St Faiths., RNO,16/01/2017

APP/18/00736 - Crown raise 1No. Lime (T1) to 8m, subject to TPO 1509 and crown reduce 1No. Beech (T2) by 3m in height and 2m from laterals, subject to TPO 0797., PERM,23/10/2018

APP/18/00729 - Reduce crown of Bay by 3.5 metres; Raise crown north sector of Alder to 5.5 metres; Reduce crown of 2No. Cherry trees by 1.5 metres in height and 0.5 metres laterals; Reduce crown of Magnolia by 1 metre; Raise crown of 2No. Sycamore to 4 metres and allow clearance from roof of 1 metre; Raise crown of Alder to 8 metres; Reduce crown of southern sectors of 2No. Alders by 1 metre; Reduce crown of southern sector of Rowan by 1 metre; Reduce crown of Alder by 3.5 metres in height and 1.5 metre laterals to previous pruning points; Reduce crown of Turkey Oak by 2.5 metres to previous pruning points; Crown reduce of Sycamore by 2.5 metres to previous pruning points; Remove lower north facing limb of Sycamore. All within Conservation Area of St Faiths., RNO,12/09/2018

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: St Faiths

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Conservation Officer

Councillor Imogen Payter

Councillor J Branson - St Faiths

Councillor T Pike - St Faith's

Landscape Team, Havant Borough Council

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Fell 1No. Beech within Conservation Area of St Faiths.

From a landscape perspective we have no adverse comments in relation to this application.

Kind regards,

Harry Mitchell CMLI
Chartered Landscape Architect
Havant Borough Council

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: 15

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 3

Comment	Officer Comment
Unless there is a health and safety issue regarding the Beech tree i.e. it is in such a state of decline that it is a danger to persons or property (which, if this is the case, is not readily apparent from looking at it) I cannot see any good reason why such a large, mature specimen should be felled. But if it is decided that the Beech be removed then a suitable replacement, taking into account it's size and maturity, should be planted in its place.	
No professional, independent advice has been provided as justification for removal of the tree and the application does not state that either the condition of the tree or damage to adjacent property are factors for its removal. This application should be rejected unless additional justification for removing a tree is provided.	
The loss of such a mature tree would be regrettable. Especially, given its situation. However, a sizeable bracket fungus has been visible on its trunk for a considerable period, suggesting that it is at some stage of decay. As such, I am in favour of removing and replacing the tree in this instance.	

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 tree in question makes a positive contribution to local amenity. The reason provided for the work relates the tree being 'overmature and in decline and of poor structure' but insufficient evidence has been provided to justify a its removal. If the condition of the tree is a concern, written arboricultural advice or other diagnostic information from an appropriate expert will be required.

8 Conclusion

Refuse

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **REFUSE TPO CONSENT** for application APP/22/00166 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. [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.