
Site Address: 7 Woodville Road, Havant, PO9 3NU
Proposal: Ash (T1) - Crown raise to 5 metres to allow clearance under the canopy of the tree, subject to TPO 2037.
Application No: APP/21/00856 Expiry Date: 11/10/2021
Applicant: Mr M Holness
Agent: Mr M Miller Case Officer: Maria Stewart
 Professional Tree Solutions
Ward: Bedhampton

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

7 Woodville Road, Havant, PO9 3NU

2 Planning History

GEN/20/00286 - Proposed Log Cabin., ,19/05/2020 09:11:29
APP/20/00672 - Installation of log cabin with raised platform (Retrospective).

, PERM,20/10/2020

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 D Guest

Councillor Gary Robinson

Councillor Mark Inkster

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: 14

Number of site notices: Not applicable.

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Comment	Officer Comment
The proposal identifies the subject tree as T1 on TPO 2037 when it appears to actually be T3. Raising the crown to five metres would remove at least two large limbs which form the high canopy of the tree. There appears to be adequate clearance under the canopy at the lower part of the tree making the reason for this application rather dubious. Three ash trees of approximately 60 years of age were recently felled in this area of land to facilitate the construction of a large wooden building. Further denuding of tree cover in this area is seen as totally unnecessary.	Comments noted. Crown lifting will not be detrimental to the tree. T1 is the number that the agent has used to identify the tree in question rather than using the TPO number to identify. The tree is infected with Chalara (Ash dieback disease) and as such if an application was submitted to fell the tree the Council would look support this.

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 This application to undertake work to a tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order relates to the proposed pruning of one Ash tree located in the rear garden of the property, and close to the rear boundary.

The application is to crown lift the tree to 5m which is minimal work and will not harm the tree. However, the agent mentions within the application that the Ash is showing signs of Ash dieback. Upon inspection the Arboricultural Officer can confirm that the tree is showing reduced vigour and vitality and clear signs of Ash Dieback disease. The tree will have a limited safe useful life expectancy and therefore should the applicant wish to apply to remove the tree, the Council would look to support this given the high target area should the tree fail in the future. While on site the applicant was informed of this and the safe upkeep and maintenance of the tree remains with the owner.

8 Conclusion

The work proposed is appropriate and proportionate to lift some of the lower branches and therefore permission should be granted.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/21/00856 subject to the following conditions

- 1 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall not be carried out otherwise than in full accordance with all relevant content of BS 3998 (2010).

Reason: In the interests of tree health and safety.

- 2 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than one year from the date of this decision notice.

Reason: To control the timing of the works