
Site Address: 90 Greenfield Crescent, Waterlooville, PO8 9EL
Proposal: Fell 1No. Ash. Subject to Woodland Order of TPO 0954.
Application No: APP/22/00142 Expiry Date: 06/04/2022
Applicant: Mr Langworthy
Agent: Mr Wheeler Case Officer: Maria Stewart
 Creative Landscapes & Tree
 Care
Ward: Cowplain

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

90 Greenfield Crescent, Waterlooville, PO8 9EL

2 Planning History

GEN/15/00343 - Dead and dangerous trees., ,06/04/2015 10:38:51
APP/15/01255 - Remove lower branches 1No. Ash (T1) by 3m on western sector and crown reduce by 5m, within Woodland W1 subject to TPO 0954., PERM,23/03/2016
APP/15/01274 - Crown reduce 3No. Oaks (T1, T4 and T5) by 2m, crown reduce 1No. Oak (T2) by 3m and side branches by 2m, within Woodland W1, subject to TPO 0954., PERM,12/05/2016
GEN/17/00281 - COPY DOCS - TPO 0954, ,21/03/2017
APP/22/00124 - Single storey rear extension and first floor side extension., DEL,

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 A Briggs - Cowplain

Councillor D Keast - Cowplain

Councillor Narinder Bains - Cowplain

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: 5

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Comment	Officer Comment
If a tree preservation order means anything at all then this application must be declined. The applicant gives no good reason to fell the tree. They may have a taste for sunbathing in their garden rather than enjoying the dappled shade and the insects and birds that the tree harbours... but so what? If that is their personal preference, they should have thought of that before buying a house with trees in the garden that have TPOs. If this application is granted that will prove beyond doubt that the planning system in HBC is a worthless charade.	The tree is a poor quality specimen not suitable to continue to be protected and retained. It also appears to be infected with Ash dieback. While these reasons may not have been given as part of the application, upon inspection by the tree officer these were the findings.

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 woodland Tree Preservation Order relates to the proposed felling of one Ash tree located in the centre of the rear garden of the property. The tree has been reduced in the past and is a poor quality specimen not suitable to continue to be protected and retained. It would not stand up to the criteria for an individual TPO. There is also evidence the tree has Ash Dieback disease and it will not recover.

A large Oak tree in the neighbouring garden will suppress any replacement tree therefore a replacement is not considered appropriate on this occasion.

8 Conclusion

The tree is a poor specimen therefore permission should be granted for the felling of this tree.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/22/00142 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.