
Site Address: 152C London Road, Waterlooville, PO7 5SS
Proposal: 1No. Beech (T1 on plan) - Reduce height by 3m, north east side by 3m, south east side by 2m, south west side by 2m, leaving height of 11m and width of 8m; 1No. Beech (T2 on plan) - reduce height by 3m, remove lowest brance as indicated on plan, reduce north side by 3m, reduce south and west sides by 2m. subject to TPO 1002.
Application Type: Works to TPO Tree
Application No: APP/22/00210 Expiry Date: 26/04/2022
Applicant: Mr J Ayworthy
Agent: Mr S Jordan Case Officer: Tom Gregory
S Jordan Tree Surgery
Ward: Stakes

Recommendation: **REFUSE TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

152C London Road, Waterlooville, PO7 5SS

2 Planning History

04/69484/000 - Application to crown reduce/re-shape by 20%, remove lowest limbs growing towards house 2 x Beech trees (T9 & T10) subject of TPO 1002., PERM,19/07/2004

09/69484/001 - Cut back canopy to boundary of overhanging trees from neighbouring garden, subject to TPO 1002., PERM,29/06/2009

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 Diana Patrick

Councillor Elizabeth (formerly Dianne) Lloyd

Councillor S Milne

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: 11

Number of site notices:1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 2

Comment	Officer Comment
Thank you for your letter dated 24 March 2022. I welcome the proposed reductions in size of the beech trees at 152C London Road PO7 5SS. Can you please ensure that the reduction includes the branches that are covering my garden (redacted). Thank you in anticipation.	
Hi, I fully support this application to trim back the two beech trees as described in the application.They have grown significantly and I do not recall them being trimmed in the last 15 years.	

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 are highly visible from the public domain and make a positive contribution to local amenity. The reason provided for the work relates to space, light, safety and leaf nuisance but insufficient evidence has been provided to justify a reduction of this significance. If safety is a concern, written arboricultural advice or other diagnostic information from an appropriate expert will be required. The proposed work will have a negative impact on their health due to the creation of unnecessary pruning wounds and loss of photosynthetic area. It will also have a negative effect on the contribution they currently make to the amenity of the local area.

8 Conclusion

Refuse

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **REFUSE TPO CONSENT** for application APP/22/00210 for the following reasons

- 1 The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. The tree surgery proposed in the deposited application would result in excessive reduction of the tree's landscape impact and undue 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.