
Site Address: 82 The Brow, Waterlooville, PO7 5DA
Proposal: 1no. Beech (T1) Reduce crown height and spread by 4 metres, leaving crown height of 14 metres and crown spread of 12 metres, subject to TPO 1710.
Application No: APP/21/00729 Expiry Date: 06/12/2021
Applicant: Mrs R Hoad
Agent: Case Officer: Maria Stewart
Ward: Purbrook

Recommendation: **REFUSE TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

82 The Brow, Waterlooville, PO7 5DA

2 Planning History

01/66040/000 - Crown raise a Beech tree (T1) at the rear of 82 The Brow, subject to TPO1710., PERM,24/04/2001

05/66040/001 - Application for crown reduction by 10% and crown raise to a maximum of 3m a Common Beech (T1) Of TPO 1710., PERM,15/12/2005

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 Gary Hughes

Councillor Husky Patel

Councillor Ms C Howard - Purbrook Ward

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: 0

Comment	Officer Comment

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 crown reduction of a Beech tree located in the rear garden of the applicant's property. A crown reduction of 4 metres is proposed.

Upon inspection the Beech was found to have good vigour and vitality for its age and species and it is situated to the rear of the southerly facing garden, well away from the property. The garden is slightly elevated and the tree can be viewed from the road over the roof of the property. The canopy is fairly low over the garden and could be crown lifted to allow greater clearance beneath.

The applicant wishes to reduce the tree as it is growing too large for the garden.

No objections to the application have been received.

8 Conclusion

The Beech tree does not encroach onto any buildings and there is adequate usable garden space. The proposed reduction is considered excessive and would be potentially detrimental to the trees health and also would significantly reduce its public amenity value. It is recommended that this application be refused.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **REFUSE TPO CONSENT** for application APP/21/00729 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. 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. It is therefore contrary to policy DM8 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework.