
Site Address: White Gates, Edward Gardens, Havant, PO9 3JJ
Proposal: Crown reduce height 1No. Silver Birch (T1) by 2m and lateral branches by 1m, subject to TPO 1831.
Application No: APP/15/01037
Applicant: Mrs Copland
Agent: Mr Mansell
Ward: Bedhampton

Expiry Date: 25/11/2015
Team: Team 1
Case Officer: Jamie Gargett

Hampshire Tree Services

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

Rear garden of dwelling.

2 Planning History

None.

3 Proposal

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4 Policy Considerations

Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) March 2011

DM8 (Conservation, Protection and Enhancement of Existing Natural Features)

Listed Building Grade: Not applicable.
Conservation Area: Old Bedhampton.

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

None

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: 3

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 0

7 Planning Considerations

Having regard to the relevant policies of the development plan it is considered that the main issues arising from this application are:

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.

The tree subject of this application is a Silver Birch showing signs of normal vigour and vitality. The work proposed would be considered general maintenance, reduplicated in order to manage the tree to a suitable size considering the space available within the garden of the dwelling with previous pruning points evident. This should keep a mutual relationship between the applicant and tree as well as to allow them to get a more positive usage of their garden. The work in this application should not impact negatively on the public amenity.

It should be noted that the tree has been previously pruned hard from outside the curtilage of the property without permission - at the time of investigation no evidence was provided to substantiate the origin of the pruning. These works have detrimented the shape and form of the tree.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/15/01037, 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 pruning/surgery for which consent is hereby granted shall not exceed the following: Crown reduce height 1No. Silver Birch (T1) by 2m and lateral branches by 1m, subject to TPO 1831.
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the tree and its importance in the local landscape.
- 3 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 21/10/2016.
Reason: To control the timing of the works