
Site Address: Sweetwaters, Mill Lane, Langstone, Havant, PO9 1RX
Proposal: Fell 1No. Eucalyptus (growing between fence and shed, damaging shed roof), crown lift 1No. Plum by 2.5m (2 lowest branches), crown lift 1No. Mulberry to 2.5m (2 limbs growing over conservatory and workshop) and reduce 1No. Leylandii hedge height by 4 m (to match neighbours side at rear) and trim face by 2 m, within Conservation Area of Mill Lane.
Application No: APP/15/01198
Applicant: Mrs Trewick
Agent: Mr Spratt
Ward: Skyfell Tree Specialists
St Faiths

Expiry Date: 04/12/2015
Team: Team 1
Case Officer: Jamie Gargett

Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

1 Site Description

In rear garden of residential dwelling.

2 Planning History

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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: Mill Lane (Langstone)

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Landscape Team - No objection

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: 8

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 0

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:

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 at subject for felling in this application is a small Eucalyptus growing between a large shed and a fence. This tree is causing damage to the shed as it has begun to rub a hole into the wood at the side of the roof and further destruction will take place without the removal of this tree. The Plum tree in this application is also touching the shed roof with its two lowest branches and could therefore potentially do damage without a crown raise resulting in the removal of said branches one of which is broken. This tree appeared to be showing signs of normal vigor and vitality of which would not be affected by the works proposed to the tree. There should also be no negative impact on it's public amenity value.

The Mulberry was also evidently touching the roof of both the house and conservatory once again raising concern about the destruction that could take place on the building. The work proposed will give clearance of the crown from the building as to maintain a positive relationship between the applicant, dwelling and tree. This tree appeared to show signs of good vigor and vitality and a 2.5M crown lift should not have a negative impact on the health of the tree nor on the amenity value.

The work proposed for the Leylandii in this application should be classified as management and to improve the aesthetic value of the hedge. The pruning should amend the height of the hedge so as to match the height of the neighbours behind as well as removal of protruding branches on the face of the hedge to make it look tidier. The hedge was showing signs of normal vigor and vitality and these works should not have a negative impact on this.

8 Conclusion

Recommend RNO

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/15/01198

(A)

(B) for the following reasons/subject to the following conditions