
Site Address:	9 North Close, Havant, PO9 2TE		
Proposal:	Fell 1No. Cherry (T1). Subject to TPO 1556.		
Application No:	APP/16/01015	Expiry Date:	29/11/2016
Applicant:	Mrs B Palmer		
Agent:	Mr M Reed	Case Officer:	Jamie Gargett
	All Tree Solutions Ltd		
Ward:	St Faiths		

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

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2 Planning History

93/57214/002 - Detached house and garage (revised elevations and garage position)., PERM,18/03/1993
92/57214/000 - Detached house with integral double garage., PERM,03/09/1992
06/57214/003 - Single storey rear extension. New rear bay window and new first floor bay window., PERM,31/08/2006
07/57214/004 - Conversion of garage, rear conservatory., PERM,27/06/2007

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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

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

Summary: I have no problem with the removal of the cherry tree but would ask that you make a proviso in granting the application, that a suitable replacement tree be planted within 2 metres of the existing tree. The replacement tree type to be reasonably mature, at least 3 metres in height and capable of ultimately growing to a height of at least 10 metres. Type of tree to be selected by a recognised 'expert' as appropriate to the location.

Comment: Noted

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.

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.

This application is in relation to the felling of an over mature Cherry tree that sits on the front boundary of the applicant's property. Upon inspection, the tree is heavily in decline with sparse foliage and exhibits evidence of decay on the main stem. At the base there is fungal bracket which is further evidence of it's decline. The tree is prominent in it's present location but the felling of a tree in such decline would be permissible on the grounds of sustainability as the tree is now towards the end of it's safe, useful life expectancy. The replanting of a new specimen in it's place would be conditioned to ensure sustainable tree cover in the area.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/16/01015

(A)

(B) for the following reasons/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 felling for which consent is hereby granted shall not commence until a detailed scheme and specification for replacement tree planting on an adjacent part of the site has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority; such specification shall include details of the species and size of such replacement planting.
Reason: To conserve and safeguard the visual amenities of the locality.

- 3 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 29/11/17.
Reason: To control the timing of the works