

,05/11/2013

APP/16/00462 - Prior notification for single storey development extending 4.65 metres beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling, incorporating an eaves height of 2.7metres and a maximum height of 2.7metres.

, GPDC,26/05/2016

3 Proposal

Crown reduce 1No. Oak (T20) by 3m, southern sector by 3.5m, western sector by 6m (to 2m west of fenceline), remove 3 lowest limbs and all deadwood. Tree within Group G1, subject to TPO 1381.

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

Conservation Officer

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: 6

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:

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 mature Oak is located at the southern edge of a plot of land behind Claremont Gardens and provides a high amenity value as it is surrounded by properties. It appears reduced in vigour and vitality, however due to the loss of an adjacent Beech tree to the north, the tree has been left exposed to the elements and is now weighted towards a south west direction. The reduction of the southern aspect by 3.5m and the western aspect by 6m would serve to rebalance the Oak and decrease any further leaning due to its exposure. The application includes the removal of the lower 3 lowest limbs and a crown reduction by 3m. The lower branch on the western side is encroaching heavily into an adjacent back garden and weighted onto the wooden fence, while the other two are towards a property on the south and creating a large amount of shading and without maintenance, soon will impede access for cars to the property's garage. The removal of these limbs will not only help to address these issues, but will help towards the rebalancing of the tree and to reshape it for the purposes of general maintenance without causing detriment to the Oak's health or affecting its amenity value, as would the proposed crown reduction of 3m.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/16/01070

(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 pruning/surgery for which consent is hereby granted shall not exceed the following: Crown reduce 1No. Oak (T20) by 3m, southern sector by 3.5m, western sector by 6m (to 2m west of fenceline), remove 3 lowest limbs and all deadwood. Tree within Group G1, subject to TPO 1381.
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 13/12/2017.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.