
Site Address: 2 Pine Grove, Havant, PO9 2RW
Proposal: Crown reduce height of 1No. Sweet Chestnut (T1) by 2m, reshape to old pruning points and remove epicormic growth, subject to TPO 1617.
Application No: APP/16/00072 Expiry Date: 13/04/2016
Applicant: Mr M Hornsby Team: Team 1
Agent: Case Officer: Jamie Gargett
Ward: St Faiths

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

2 Pine Grove, Havant, PO9 2RW

2 Planning History

99/60063/002 - Reduce north and east sectors, height reduction and remove epicormic growth on a Sweet Chestnut tree (T1) subject to TPO 1617, PERM,07/10/1999
98/60063/001 - Fell a Sweet Chestnut tree (T1) in the rear garden of 2 Pine Grove subject to TP O 1617, REF,17/09/1998
95/60063/000 - Shortening of limbs to south and west by 2.5 metres plus removal of side shoots and small branches on north and east side of Sweet Chestnut (T1) covered by TPO 1617., PERM,
05/60063/003 - Application for crown reduction of 30%, crown thin of 20% and crown raise to 6 metres one Sweet Chestnut (T1) of TPO 1617 and (T7) of TPO 867., PERM,10/11/2005
06/60063/004 - Erect a PVCU conservatory to rear of property., PERM,05/01/2007
10/60063/005 - Crown thin by 30% and remove epicormic growth of 1No. Sweet Chestnut tree, subject to TPO 1617. , PERM,26/04/2010
APP/14/00123 - Reduce crown of 1No. Sweet Chestnut (T1) by 3m to previous pruning points and reshape, subject to TPO 1617., PERM,20/03/2014
APP/15/00116 - Remove callus growth to main stem situated between tree and wall. Sweet Chestnut subject to TPO 0867, PERM,17/09/2015
GEN/16/00301 - Request for everlasting approval to remove epicormic growth, ,14/03/2016

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: 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: 4

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 if this application is a large, mature sweet chestnut in the rear garden of a residential dwelling in a built up area. This tree has been previously managed with 2 sets of old pruning points visible throughout the crown of which the applicant wishes to reduce back to the older ones. This will make the crown a slightly smaller, more appropriate size for the location. There is a lot of epicormic growth growing on the main stem of this tree which is also proposed for removal to tidy it up and allow more light within the gardens surrounding. The application also proposes to reduce the top branches of this tree by 2M to make it a more suitable height.

This work should not have a negative impact on the health of the tree, nor on the public amenity value of the area.

8 Conclusion

Recommend permission.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/16/00072

(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 height of 1No. Sweet Chestnut (T1) by 2m, reshape to old pruning points and remove epicormic growth, subject to TPO 1617..
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the tree(s) and its/their importance in the local landscape.

- 3 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 13.04.17.
Reason: To control the timing of the works