
Site Address: 16A Oaklands Grove, Waterloooville, PO8 8PS
Proposal: Fell 1No. Leylandii; Fell 1No. Blue Cedar subject to TPO 1204.
Application No: APP/16/00931 Expiry Date: 01/11/2016
Applicant: Mr V Fletcher
Agent: Mr D Farrington Case Officer: Jamie Gargett
 Sycamore Tree Surgeons
Ward: Hart Plain

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

16A Oaklands Grove, Waterloooville, PO8 8PS

2 Planning History

NA

3 Proposal

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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: 3

Summary: As a resident opposite we like the look of the trees the street and they make the road what is it. We can understand that it must be affecting their light however we feel that it should be replaced with another tree to be in keeping with the look of the area. It is a lovely tree that has been there for several years and must be home to much wildlife and so it would be ashame if it was to go.

Comment: Noted and a replacement tree will be conditioned if approved.

Summary:Comment:My wife and I totally support this application, as follows: The trees are far too large for their location and the proximity to our boundary and indeed our property itself. The roots of the blue cedar tree (and or the Leylandii) being very close to the boundary of our property have caused the tarmac to the front of our drive to be raised up causing a potential trip hazard and also caused the wall and brick pier to lean out of true vertical. The front wall of the applicants property has also been severely damaged. The branches of the Blue Cedar tree almost totally overhang the width of our drive and due to the very close proximity to the Leylandii one side of the tree appears to have no growth on it. Both trees adversely affect the light to the front of our house nearest to them. Both trees cause very significant mess on our driveway as well as the public highway as they significantly overhand both the pavement and road.

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.

The Blue Cedar is a very poor quality tree heavily suppressed by the adjacent Leyland Cypress, it offers very little in the way of public amenity to the streetscene.

The Leyland Cypress is a large mature specimen that is dominating the front of the applicants property, it would create a dark living environment and it can be argued that the tree has gone beyond a manageable size for its location. In terms of sustainability it would be acceptable to fell this tree and replant with a more appropriate species so as to improve and maintain the tree cover in the streetscene.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend permission.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/16/00931

(A)

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

- 1 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.