

Crown lift 1No. Ash (T7) above footway to 3.5m, reduce limbs above carriageway by 5.1m and crown reduce by 2m. Reduce limbs above carriageway by 5.1m and above footway to 2.3m 1No. Field Maple (T6). Reduce limbs around street lighting to provide 1.5m clearance. Reduce limbs above carriageway by 5.1m and above footway by 2.3m for trees within G3 of TPO 1526.

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: Old Bedhampton

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: 10

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.

Ash (T7): The mature Ash tree is prominently located on the street edge of the land adjacent to Nursery Road. As such it has significant amenity value and appears normal in vigour and vitality. The reduction of the limbs to 3.5m above the footway and 5.1m above the carriageway would maintain freedom of access and safety of the public highway without causing detriment to the health of the tree or it's public amenity. Further, the application for a crown reduction by 2m is of an acceptable level for general growth management.

Hazel (T6): In the original application this was stated to be a Field Maple tree, however upon a site visit it has been identified as a Hazel. The tree is situated on the corner of Nursery Road with Bedhampton Road and is normal in vigour and vitality. The reduction of limbs over the carriageway to a height of 5.1m and 2.3m over the footway would increase highway safety and public access without any loss of public amenity. The application requests a 1.5m clearance around an adjacent street light to improve the visibility at night time. This would not cause any detriment to the tree's health or public amenity due to the species aggressive growth habit.

Trees within G3: The application includes work to the various species found within a group located on the land adjacent to Nursery Road. This group takes up a large portion of the land and extends to it's boundary with the footway. The group as a whole possesses a significant amenity value and the trees appear to be normal in vigour and vitality. The works requested apply only to the edge of the group to reduce the limbs over the carriageway to a clearance of 5.1m and above the footway to 2.3m. This would not detriment the health of the trees or damage their amenity value and would maintain a harmonious relationship between the grouping and the public highways.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/16/00913

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 lift 1No. Ash (T7) above footway to 3.5m, reduce limbs above carriageway by 5.1m and crown reduce by 2m. Reduce limbs above carriageway by 5.1m and above footway to 2.3m 1No.Hazel (T6). Reduce limbs around street lighting to provide 1.5m clearance. Reduce limbs above carriageway by 5.1m and above footway by 2.3m for trees within G3 of TPO 1526.
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 3/11/17.
Reason: To control the timing of the works