
Site Address: 9 Lower Road, Havant, PO9 3LH
Proposal: Crown reduce 1No. Willow by 2m back to previous pruning points;
crown reduce 3No. Apple trees by 2m; remove lower limb of Leylandii overhanging
drive in front garden; cut back to boundary overhanging branches to 1No. Sycamore.
Application No: APP/16/00010 Expiry Date: 24/02/2016
Applicant: Mr S Taylor Team: Team 1
Agent: Mr D Farrington Case Officer: Jamie Gargett
 Sycamore Tree Surgeons
Ward: Bedhampton

Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

1 Site Description

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2 Planning History

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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: 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: 5

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 willow tree in this application is a large and mature specimen in the rear garden of a residential dwelling. This tree has been previously managed with many pruning points visible within the crown to reduce back to for maintenance work within the garden space. The reduction works on the three apple trees in this application should also be considered as maintenance work and should not have a negative impact on their vigour.

The leylandii within this application is in the front garden of the dwelling and has grown towards the driveway. Due to this, the work proposed in this application to remove the lower limb off of this tree would be acceptable as to give a clearance to the drive way.

In regards to the sycamore situated in the garden of the neighbouring property, the work proposed to reduce it back to the boundary fence would not be considered as preferred practice in accord to BS3998. However, due to this tree being situated in the back of a rear garden and serving no public amenity value to the area it would be unsuitable to TPO this specimen. For this reason I am given no choice but to recommend permission for this work to be carried out in a sensible manner.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/16/00010 subject to the following conditions