
Site Address: Langstone 11 Grove Road, Havant, PO9 1AR
Proposal: Crown reduce 1No. Copper Beech to previous pruning points and crown lift to 6m. Coppice 1No. Magnolia back to previous cuts. Within Conservation Area of St Faiths.
Application No: APP/16/00043
Applicant: Mrs C Barnes
Agent:
Ward: St Faiths

Expiry Date: 08/03/2016
Team: Team 1
Case Officer: Jamie Gargett

Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

1 Site Description

Langstone 11 Grove Road, Havant, PO9 1AR

2 Planning History

08/69971/000 - Crown reduce by 30%, crown thin by 20% and remove damaged or crossover branches of a Beech Tree within the curtilage of 11 Grove Road, within St Faiths Conservation Area., RNO,18/02/2008
APP/11/00944 - Crown reduce 2m from top, 3m from north side and 0.5m from south side of 1No. Copper Beech tree. Crown raise same to 5m, all within St Faith's Conservation Area., RNO,20/06/2011

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: St Faiths

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

FAO Landscape Team, Technical Services

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: 3

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 large, mature copper beech in this application is growing in the rear garden near to an adjacent dwelling. The tree had a small, dense crown that has been previously managed to suit its location and appeared to be showing signs of normal vigour and vitality with good extension growth since it had been previously pruned. This application proposes to maintain the tree through withal slight crown lift to 6M to tidy up and reshape the bottom of the canopy and reductions back to previous pruning points to keep it to a manageable size for its environment.

Originally the applicant wanted to reduce the crown by 1M all over and by 3-4M on the eastern aspect to rebalance the crown however after explaining this would be too extreme for the tree, they agreed that reducing back to previous pruning points would be just as effective without causing detriment to the tree.

The magnolia in this application is located in the front garden of the residential dwelling and gives a good contribution to the street scene. The tree was showing signs of good vigour and vitality through its extension growth and a lot of budding throughout its crown. The work proposed to reduce this tree to previous pruning points should not cause implications with its health nor with its public amenity value and should be considered as general garden maintenance.

8 Conclusion

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9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to
RAISE NO OBJECTION for application APP/16/00043

(A)

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

