
Site Address: 11 Bladon Close, Havant, PO9 2QA
Proposal: Crown reduce 1No. Walnut (T6) by 2m and reduce lowest branch of tree by 4m back to main growth point subject to TPO1279.
Application No: APP/16/00017 Expiry Date: 16/03/2016
Applicant: Mrs Strickland Team: Team 1
Agent: Mr Dinenage Case Officer: Jamie Gargett
Ward: St Faiths

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

11 Bladon Close, Havant, PO9 2QA

2 Planning History

06/71832/000 - Application to remove lower branch of a Walnut tree (T6) subject to TPO 1279., PERM,18/12/2006APP/15/00769 - Tree works., UNK,

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: 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 tree at subject of this application is a mature walnut growing in the rear garden of a residential dwelling. Due to it being in the rear garden this tree is only partly visible from the street scene.

The residents of the dwelling have informers that over the years the tree is beginning to lean in the direct of their house and for this reason would like to reduce the lowest limb of the canopy by 4M to the growth point in attempt to rebalance the crown. The removal of the end of this branch with reduce the weight of the tree on the side lean and will reduce the risk of tree failure although it appeared to be in good vigour. The application also proposes to crown reduce the tree all over by 2M and this would be considered as acceptable practice to retain the tree to a manageable size within the garden area. There was also a lot of dead wood throughout the crown to be removed during the works to avoid it from dropping into the garden of both the applicant and their neighbour.

The work in this application should not have a negative impact on the public amenity value of the area and nor should it determent the health of the tree. This work is also necessary to maintain a good relationship between the residents and the tree.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/16/00017 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 1No. Walnut (T6) by 2m and reduce lowest branch of tree by 4m back to main growth point subject to TPO1279.
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 16/03/2017.

Reason: To control the timing of the works