
Site Address: Fairfield Infant School, Fairfield Road, Havant, PO9 1AY
Proposal: Remove major deadwood 1No. Sycamore (T6) and reduce lateral branch to create 3m clearance from neighbouring dwelling. Remove all major deadwood and Ivy 3No. Sycamores (T8 - T10). Reduce lowest lateral branch over playground 1No. Sycamore (T11) and removal all major deadwood and sever Ivy. Create pollard at 3.5m on overextended branch 1No. Sycamore (T12). Within Conservation area of St Faiths.

Application No:	APP/16/00119	Expiry Date:	16/03/2016
Applicant:	Mr M Faux Hampshire County Council	Team:	Team 1
Agent:	Mr M Godwin Titchfield Tree Services Ltd	Case Officer:	Jamie Gargett
Ward:	St Faiths		

Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

1 Site Description

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2 Planning History

00/59130/006 - Reduce eastern sector by a maximum of 3 metres, crown raise up to 3 metres the southern, northern and eastern sectors and crown raise the western sector by 2.5 metres over the footpath and 5 metres over the road of a Horse Chestnut (TA on attached plan). Removal of lowest westerly limb of diameter 100mm in girth and remove second lowest easterly limb of 75mm in girth of a Sycamore (TB on attached plan)., RNO,23/01/2001

98/59130/005 - Notification of the intention to crown lift and prune off six branches of a Horse

Chestnut tree on the south-west corner of Fairfield School. Also crown lift a Malus and fell a Lime tree both in the frontage of Fairfield School. All trees within St Faith's Conservation Area., RNO,01/05/1998

97/59130/004 - Notification of intention to fell one Prunus and one Sorbus in front lawn area of

school within St Faiths Conservation Area, RNO,13/08/1997

96/59130/003 - Removal of 1 Bay tree within St Faiths Conservation Area, RNO,19/11/1996

94/59130/001 - Notification of intention to reduce crown of Pollarded Lime tree within St. Faith

conservation area., RNO,16/06/1994

94/59130/002 - Extension to accommodate new staff room, pupils and adult lavatories and store, PERM,04/07/1994

03/59130/007 - Consultation by Hampshire County Council for new reception., WD,10/11/2003

APP/10/00262 - Crown lift to 3.5m and crown reduce by 2m 1No. Horse Chestnut tree and crown raise Copper Beech tree to 3.5m, within St Faiths Conservation Area., RNO,21/07/2010

GEN/11/00326 - Landscape project, ,23/03/2011

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: 17

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 trees at subject of this application are mature sycamores growing along the boundary of the playground and play area at Fairfield Infant School. The trees appeared to be showing signs of good vigour and vitality however two were severely

covered in ivy making it difficult to properly assess the condition of the tree. The removal of the ivy will resolve this issue.

All the trees have a lot of deadwood throughout their crowns which have been dropping onto the playground. The crown clears proposed for all of the trees will resolve this issue and make the trees safer regarding their location in a children's playing area. Also, a branch in to be removed from T11 due to extensive squirrel damage therefore making it susceptible to branch failure in high winds.

The work proposes to reduce a branch of one tree to give a 3M clearance from the roof of dwelling adjacent to it. This pruning would be acceptable in regards to BS3998 and will ensure that no direct damage takes place in the future. A pollard at 3.5M is also necessary on the overextended branch of the tree situated near the wood house at the corner of the playground. This will avoid any damage that could take place on this building by this branch.

8 **Conclusion**
Recommend RNO

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/16/00119