
Site Address: 45 Hulbert Road, Waterloo, PO7 7NX

Proposal: Remove 3 lowest limbs of 1No. Oak (T6); fell 1No. Oak (T8); remove 2 lowest limbs 1No. Oak (T9); crown reduce north sector of 1No. Pine (T12) by 3m; remove lowest limb 1No. Oak (T14); reduce lowest limb in southern sector of 1No. Oak (T15) by 4m; remove branches to northern sector 1No Pine (T16); reduce southern side of canopy by 2m of 2No Oaks (T20, T22); remove crossing branches from 1No Oak (G1), reduce southern side of canopy by 2m of 1No oak(G1), reduce northern side of canopy by 4m of 1No. Pine (G1), these 3No trees from G1 all trees subject to TPO 1037.

Application No: APP/15/00684

Expiry Date: 18/08/2015

Applicant: Mr K Hamilton

Team: Team 2

Agent:

Case Officer: Jamie Gargett

Ward: Waterloo

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

The trees are located within the rear garden of the residential property.

2 Planning History

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3 Proposal

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4 Policy Considerations

National Planning Policy Framework

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: 16

Number of site notices: 1 Site Notice posted 09/07/2015

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 2

Summary: the trees are in the garden of 45 Hulbert Road but the Applicant lives at no.55. As the trees do not affect his garden is he acting as the Agent? The detailed scope of the work would

suggest good tree knowledge and experience

☐ the plan of the trees does not identify the individual trees listed therefore it is difficult to comment on the proposed work

☐ it is indicated in Item 8 that the trees are neither diseased or are causing structural damage

but later on it is stated that reports been provided from experts (but not included) which would

indicate otherwise

Comment: Noted

Summary A mature oak absorbs a considerable amount of rainwater. To remove 3 lowest limbs, height not stated , must surely impact on the amount of water this tree will absorb in the future.

2014 saw excessive rainfall. It necessitating trenching and graveling the bottom my garden to release the stagnant water and require felling conifers which had consequently 'drowned'. My insurance company will no doubt want details of any planning applications approved and deemed to be a contributing factor should I have to claim for any work carried out in the future.

Comments: The works to the tree will not make a notable tangible difference to the water up take of the mature Oak.

The insurance matter is a not a material consideration of this application.

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 trees health and condition in any great detail. I visually inspected the trees 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 are mostly large sized species and all appear to be presenting normal vigour and vitality except for the Oak (T8) which is to be felled as this has poor form

and heavy leaning. The works applied for are due to heavy overhang into the garden and also to balance out the crown of the trees, and in this instance is considered reasonable. The trees are in need of maintenance works to be carried out given the size and extent the trees cover.

The works applied for should not impact negatively on the health of the tree or diminish the public amenity offered.

8 Conclusion

Recommend permission.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/15/00684

(A)

(B) 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:
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Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the trees and 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 18th August 2016.
Reason: To control the timing of the works