
Site Address: 14 Brockhampton Lane, Havant, PO9 1LZ
Proposal: Crown reduce 1No. Ash tree back to previous pollarding points and to reshape the crown, within Conservation Area of Brockhampton.
Application No: APP/16/00120 Expiry Date: 16/03/2016
Applicant: Mrs Nash Team: Team 1
Agent: Mr A Kaye Case Officer: Jamie Gargett
 Blendworth Tree Surgeons
Ward: St Faiths

Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

1 Site Description

14 Brockhampton Lane, Havant, PO9 1LZ

2 Planning History

GEN/16/00138 - Ash tree in conservation area., 28/01/2016

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: Brockhampton

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: 5

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 0

Summary:

Comment:

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 Ash on a small bank in the front garden of a residential dwelling, adjacent to the highway. Therefore this tree plays a great part in the street scene of Brockhampton road. The canopy of the tree has grown to cause many of its branches to become intertwined with the telephone wires coming from the pole very close to the tree. Due to this, many of the wires appear to be under strain and the tree could potential damage them in high winds without management.

The tree appeared to be showing signs of good vigour an vitality as it was budding nicely throughout the crown however as it is smothered in ivy on its main stem it is difficult to assess the condition of this tree.

The Ash has been previously managed through hard pollarding to maintain it to a suitable size for its location and it would be considered acceptable to reduce back to these points again whilst reshaping the crown. This work should effectively free the telephone wires and manage the tree without causing damage to its health or the public amenity of the area.

This tree would not meet the criteria to qualify for a TPO.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/16/00120

for the following reasons/subject to the following conditions