
Site Address: 21 Oaktree Drive, Emsworth, PO10 7UJ
Proposal: Reduce crown and laterals to previous pruning points 1No. Beech.
Reduce crown by 3m and south sector by 2.5m 1No. Oak. Both trees within Area A4
subject to TPO 0088.
Application No: APP/15/01193
Applicant: Mrs U Rayment
Agent: Mr M Reed
Ward: Emsworth

Expiry Date: 16/12/2015
Team: Team 2
Case Officer: Jamie Gargett

All Tree Solutions Ltd

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

Rear garden to a residential dwelling.

2 Planning History

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3 Proposal

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4 Policy Considerations

National Planning Policy Framework

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: 8

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:

Whether the degree of pruning works requested would undermine the amenity value of these trees and whether this could also be harmful to their ongoing health and vitality.

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.

Beech - This is a large tree located at the bottom of the rear garden and appears to be displaying normal vigour and vitality that has been historically pruned to manage its size in relation to its location. The works applied for were considered too excessive, however after negotiation between HBC Arb and the agent a reduction to the extent of the works has been agreed. These works are now considered reasonable management for the tree.

Oak - This tree has a canopy that is extending across the garden area of the site and would benefit from a reduction to manage its size. The works applied for are considered reasonable.

Both trees should not be detrimented negatively in terms of health or public amenity value should the works be approved.

8 Conclusion

Recommend permission.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/15/01193

(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: Reduce crown and laterals to previous pruning points 1No. Beech. Reduce crown by 3m and south sector by 2.5m 1No. Oak. Both trees within Area A4 subject to TPO 0088.

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 16/12/2016.

Reason: To control the timing of the works.