
Site Address: 24 Leigh Road, Havant, PO9 2ET
Proposal: Fell 1No. Horse Chestnut subject to Group G1 of TPO 0455.
Application No: APP/16/00456 Expiry Date: 24/06/2016
Applicant: Mr Mark Patterson
Agent: Ms Sarah Johnston Case Officer: Jamie Gargett
 Johnston Tree Consultancy
Ward: St Faiths

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

24 Leigh Road, Havant, PO9 2ET

2 Planning History

GEN/10/00167 - Tree works in Leigh Road, ,11/05/2010

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: 9

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 Horse Chestnut growing on the verge out the front of a residential dwelling. Being located adjacent to the road and within the tree line of other historic Horse Chestnuts in the area, the tree gives a good contribution to the street scene. The tree has a low crown break with three large scaffold limbs and included unions. There was ivy and epicormic growth present on the main stem.

There were many historic pruning points with various degrees of wound occlusion with cavities and decay evident within some of the wounds. As well as this, there was signs of storm damage at various heights within the crown and some areas of the point have been proved to be hollow. Other Horse Chestnuts in this line of similar age and condition have failed or been removed due to Pytophthora so it is fair to say that this tree is also affected

Overall the tree showed declining condition and due to this (and the above observations). the recommendadion would reluctantly be to permit for the felling of this tree.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/16/00456

(A)

(B) for the following reasons/subject to the following conditions

- 1 The tree to be felled shall be replaced by an Oak to be planted in a position as near as practicable to the position of the tree to be felled and at a height of at least 2 metres when such replacement planting is carried out.
Reason: To conserve and safeguard the visual amenities of the locality.