
Site Address: Australian Bungalow, 21 Grove Road, Havant, PO9 1AR
Proposal: Reduce height and width 1No. hedge (consisting of red berry tree, Laburnum, Rowan and Holly) by 2m along Grove Road boundary. Fell 1No. verigated Conifer. Crown reduce 2No. Pittisporum by 2m. All within Conservation Area of St Faiths.
Application No: APP/15/01196 Expiry Date: 25/12/2015
Applicant: Mrs Carroll Acworth Team: Team 1
Agent: Case Officer: Jamie Gargett
Ward: St Faiths

Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

1 Site Description

Australian Bungalow, 21 Grove Road, Havant, PO9 1AR

2 Planning History

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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

Landscape Team No objection

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: 10

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 3

Summary: Concerns over bird nesting season.

Comment: The informative attached to a permission is sent with details outlining the applicants responsibilities under the Wild Life and Countryside Act.

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 hedge in subject of this application consists of a red berry tree, Laburnum, Rowan and Holly tree which create a barrier and screening along the footpath of Grove road into the garden of Australian Bungalow. All the trees within the hedge appeared to be showing signs of normal vigour and vitality however have grown to become over dominant on the walk way along the highway outside the property and plays a great part in the street scene. The works proposed in this application would be considered as general maintenance for the hedge to reline it with the garden wall to allow more space for the public to walk. This would not have a negative affect on the health of the trees and should increase the public amenity value by tidying up the boundary line.

The pittisporum in this application was showing signs of good vigour and the works proposed would be considered as minor to manage the tree due to it being within the conservation area. These works should not have a negative impact on the public amenity value or health of this tree.

The verigated Conifer proposed to be felled in this application is very domineering of the garden and is located very close to the neighbouring dwelling. Although large, the tree contributes very little to the street scene as is screened by the large Yew tree at the corner of the garden and therefore it would not have a negative impact on the public amenity value of the area if it was to be removed. This tree does not meet the TEMPO criteria for a TPO and for these reasons it would be sound for the felling to commence.

8 Conclusion

Recommend RNO

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/15/01196

(A)

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