
Site Address:	1 Allmara Drive, Waterlooville, PO7 5TT		
Proposal:	Removal of 1No. Quercus Robur (T5) subject to TPO 0947.		
Application No:	APP/15/00190	Expiry Date:	15/04/2015
Applicant:	Mr J Adams	Team:	Team 1
	Traditional Tree Surgery		
Agent:		Case Officer:	Jamie Gargett
Ward:	Stakes		

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

Garden area to a two storey dwelling.

2 Planning History

None relevant.

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

None.

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

7 Planning Considerations

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 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.

The tree subject of this application is a large Oak in the last third of its life cycle and unfortunately is considered to be in decline due to the following observations noted on site:

- Soft rot pockets have been observed at ground level in the main stem.
- Evidence of Honey fungus has been found behind the necrossed bark in the form of mycelium. It is noted that often in these instances of Honey Fungus the pathogen is often a secondary fungi attacking a tree that is already showing signs of disease and decline and it is reasonable to expect that the tree has further pathogenic activity.
- The root plate of the tree is showing signs of movement.
- Extensive bark decay on the main stem.
- Extensive dieback throughout the crown.

The Oak tree is located in a residential area adjacent to the highway where its target zone is considered to be high should the tree fail. It offers high public amenity for the local area and adds significantly to the street scene. However the potential for failure is considered unacceptable and as such sadly the removal is justified on health and safety grounds.

8 Conclusion

Recommend permission.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/15/00190, 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 2m metres when such replacement planting is carried out.
Reason: To conserve and safeguard the visual amenities of the locality.
- 2 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 15/4/2016.
Reason: To control the timing of the works