
Site Address:	16 Venice Close, Waterloooville, PO7 8JX		
Proposal:	Fell 4No. Lime trees within Group 1 subject to TPO 1291.		
Application No:	APP/15/00321	Expiry Date:	14/05/2015
Applicant:	Mr Baker	Team:	Team 2
Agent:	Mr D Farrington	Case Officer:	Jamie Gargett
	Sycamore Tree Surgeons		
Ward:	Waterloo		

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

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: 3

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Summary: I am in support of the application to fell 4 lime trees TPO 1291 in the property of 16 Venice Close. I have viewed the application made by Mr Mark Baker and Mr

David

Farringdon of Sycamore Tree Surgeons. I have read Mr Farringdon's comments and agree the trees are too close to the building but my main concern is the size of the bowl of all four trees, their height, spread and the possibility of damage to the structure of the building in the future. In my opinion the size of the trees is out of proportion to the size of the garden.

Comment: Noted

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.

The trees subject of this application are mature limes exhibiting poor form and multi stemmed and are overbearing in their position.

The trees can be considered oppressive in nature to the two adjacent dwellings (supporting replet from a neighbour) and in this situation there is no appropriate form of tree surgery that would manage the trees successfully.

There would be greater sustainability in the area by removing these trees (they are heavily back dropped by a number of trees) and planting new trees further away from the property thus adding to the copse at the rear of the garden.

8 Conclusion

Recommend permission.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/15/00321 subject to the following conditions:

- 1 The tree felling for which consent is hereby granted shall not commence until a detailed scheme and specification for replacement tree planting on an adjacent part of the site has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority; such specification shall include details of the species and size of such replacement planting. Replanting shall be carried out in accordance with the details thus approved within the next planting season following the felling work.

Reason: To conserve and safeguard the visual amenities of the locality.

