
Site Address: 46 Cherry Tree Avenue, Waterloo, PO8 8AY
Proposal: Fell 1 No. Oak (T1); crown reduce 1No. Oak (T2) by 2m back to previous pruning points, all within group A1 subject to TPO 0092.
Application No: APP/15/00578 Expiry Date: 21/07/2015
Applicant: Mr Thomas Team: Team 2
Agent: Mr Mansell Case Officer: Jamie Gargett
Hampshire Tree Services
Ward: Cowplain

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

The trees are located within the rear garden of the residential property.

2 Planning History

None relevant.

3 Proposal

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4 Policy Considerations

National Planning Policy Framework

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: 6

Number of site notices: 1 Site Notice posted

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:

My inspection related specifically to assessing the proposed works rather than generally inspecting the trees health and condition in any great detail. I visually inspected the trees 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.

1No. Oak (T1) is a small suppressed Oak exhibiting poor form. The crown is unbalanced and is leaning at an angle of 15 degrees. Within the main stem at ground level is a hole which is showing signs of soft pocket rot decay. This tree is impacting on the adjacent Oak and does not sit well as part of the group in terms of sustainability. In this instance the felling of the tree is considered reasonable (there is a very large Oak immediately behind T1, which provides a tree lined back drop to the location) and a replant in a more appropriate area of the garden is a better solution for tree sustainability.

1No. Oak (T2) is a medium sized Oak and appears to be presenting normal vigour and vitality. The works for this tree have been applied for due to maintenance reasons and in this case is considered reasonable.

The works applied for should not impact negatively on the health of the tree or diminish the public amenity offered.

8 Conclusion

Recommended Permission.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/15/00578, 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:
Fell 1No. Oak (T1); crown reduce 1No. Oak (T2) by 2m back to previous pruning points, all within group A1 subject to TPO 0092.
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the trees and its importance in the local landscape.
- 3 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 21st July 2016.
Reason: To control the timing of the works
- 4 The tree to be felled shall be replaced by an Oak to be planted in a new position in the rear garden 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.