
Site Address: 67 Southleigh Road, Havant, PO9 2QQ
Proposal: Fell 1No. Horse Chestnut (T2), crown thin 1No. Lime (T1) by 20% and remove epicormic growth; subject to TPO 1330.
Application No: APP/15/00974 Expiry Date: 05/11/2015
Applicant: Mr David Rowen Team: Team 1
Agent: Mr Michael Reed Case Officer: Jamie Gargett
Ward: St Faiths

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

The Lime is located within the front garden of a residential garden and the Horse chestnut is located in the rear garden.

2 Planning History

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3 Proposal

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4 Policy Considerations

National Planning Policy Framework

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: 1

Number of site notices:

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:

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.

Lime - This is a very large mature tree displaying what appears to be normal vigour and vitality. The crown is very dense and there is a large ammount of secondary growth present in conjunction with epicormic growth to the main stem often associated with this species. The works outlined are considered to be routine maintenance and should not detriment the public amenity offered or impact negatively on the health of the Lime.

Horse Chestnut - This is a medium sized tree that has gone into decline due to age and pathogenic fungal attack displaying bleeding cancer - potentially *Pseudomonas*. The crown of the tree is sparse and the leaves are small and it offerers very limited public amenity value. The tree is coming towards the end of its Safe Useful Life Expectancy (SULE) and being a graft there is potential that due to the cancer that it may snap out at some point. There is little in the way of remedial work that can be undertaken with this tree and it can be argued that at this point in its life cycle that removal and the replant with a new tree will allow for greater sustainability.

In this instance on balance: the trees condition and limited public amenity value it is considered reasonable to remove and replant to enable greater sustainabilty in terms of tree cover for the area. The agent has offered a replan of a Norway maple which is a large tree offering presence and longevity in the area.

8 Conclusion

Recommend permission.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/15/00974

(A)

(B) for the following reasons/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. Horse Chestnut (T2), crown thin 1No. Lime (T1) by 20% and remove epicormic growth; subject to TPO 1330.
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the tree(s) and its/their importance in the local landscape.
- 3 The tree to be felled shall be replaced by a Norway maple 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.
- 4 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 5/11/16
Reason: To control the timing of the works.