
Site Address: 118 London Road, Widley, Waterloooville, PO7 5EW
Proposal: Crown reduce 1No. Ash (T1) by 3m and crown raise to 4m subject to TPO 1689.
Application No: APP/15/01010
Applicant: Mrs L Wright
Agent:
Ward: Purbrook

Expiry Date: 14/11/2015
Team: Team 1
Case Officer: Jamie Gargett

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

Rear garden to a residential dwelling, the tree is in the adjacent neighbours garden.

2 Planning History

None.

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

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: 1

Summary: My view on the ash tree a request to remove 4.5 from the crown is very excessive The tree was cut back in July 2014. I had a visit from Jamie Gargett this year after my request to felling this Ash tree Jamie advised me the tree is in good health & no need to fell. I think the Ash tree needs no work on the height & needs no branches off 120 side. On the other hand my side 118 does need some work I did sent an application to Havant Council sadly got lost I have requested a new application form.

Comment: Noted and the application has been amended as HBC felt the works applied for were too excessive.

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 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 tree subject of this application is a mature Ash displaying what appears to be normal vigour and vitality - the site could not be accessed on the day of the visit so no inspection has taken place. This report is based on observations of the canopy from vantage points in the public realm. Although a large tree the works originally applied for are considered excessive in this instance and have been negotiated between HBC Arb and the applicant to a lesser degree of crown reduction (only one side will be possible - and no height reduction - to reduce as the tree is owned by a third party) and a crown raise.

The works now applied for are considered to be reasonable management practice for the size of tree in relation to its setting. If permitted these works should not detriment the public amenity value offered in the streetscene and should not impact negatively on the health of the tree.

8 Conclusion

Recommend permission.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/15/01010, 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: Crown reduce 1No. Ash (T1) by 3m and crown raise to 4m subject to TPO 1689.
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the tree 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 14/11/2016.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.