
Site Address:	Crowberry Lodge, Manor Road, Hayling Island, PO11 0QH		
Proposal:	Fell 1No. Macrocarpa (T1) subject to TPO 1058.		
Application No:	APP/15/00407	Expiry Date:	08/06/2015
Applicant:	Mrs C Berry	Team:	Team 2
Agent:	Mr A Plummer	Case Officer:	Jamie Gargett
	Fellam Tree Services		
Ward:	Hayling West		

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

The tree is located in the front garden of a bed and breakfast accommodation and is adjacent to the highway.

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: 10

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Summary: I recently received correspondence from your office regarding the application from the owner regarding the unsafe appearance of the Macrocarpa tree in my next door neighbour's front garden. I have to say that it looks very dangerous with large overhanging branches and I believe some have already come down doing damage to the property to the left of Crowberry Lodge. I have no objections to work carried out to make the whole situation safe if that is what needs to be done.

Comment: Noted. The branches that were highlighted as a potential risk have now been removed and no other concerns noted by the tree surgeon.

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 Macrocarpa offering high public amenity to the streetscene and immediate surrounding area. It is considered to be a feature of the road and is a highly prominent tree.

Subsequent to the application being submitted the agent called and made reference to some split branches which were the result of recent high winds. These branches were removed and the tree made safe by the tree surgeon.

Discussion surrounding the condition of the tree lead to the Tree Surgeon/Agent stating that he felt the tree did not require removal and that the remedial works would address the health and safety concerns.

There are no concerns raised relating to the stability of the tree and none were observed during the site visit.

The works undertaken via DD Exemption will have addressed any issues of potential failure within the tree and the Tree Surgeon has not raised any further issues or concerns.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Refusal.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/15/00407, for the following reason:

- 1 The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape The application has not contained any technical information in relation to whether the tree requires felling other than it has split branches in the canopy these branches have now been removed under DD Exemption. Its proposed felling would result in undue loss and detriment to the visual amenities of the locality. [A more appropriate course of action would be through management of the tree's size and impact through a scheme of approved surgery.] It is therefore contrary to policy DM8 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework 2012.