
Site Address: 160-162 West Street, Havant, PO9 1LP
Proposal: Crown reduce 1No. Tree of Heaven to previous pruning points, within conservation area of Brockhampton.
Application No: APP/15/01183
Applicant: Ms J Abraham
Agent: Mr S Amott
Ward: Bedhampton

Expiry Date: 26/11/2015
Team: Team 1
Case Officer: Jamie Gargett

Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

1 Site Description

In rear garden of 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: Brockhampton

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Landscape Team - Object to felling, conclude with recommendation to reduce.

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: I wholly endorse this application as a neighbouring property we have been increasingly concerned by the debris caused by this tree within our property and the potential damage this could cause. The tree is unproportionate to the surrounding properties and has the potential to cause property damage in the future. Having received the council's letter today detailing the application we would be pleased to endorse the felling of this tree and hope the council will concur with this.

Comment: The tree is an important feature in the landscape / street scene. There is no damage reported relating to the tree by the applicant. The negotiated works of a reduction will manage the tree in relation to its surroundings.

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:

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 at subject of this application is a mature Tree of Heaven showing signs of normal vigour and vitality. This tree has a great impact on the street scene from both West street and especially Staunton road. The tree was last pruned around 5 years ago with previous pruning points evident and plenty of tertiary branches that could be removed. Included bark was evident on some of the unions but they did not appear weak and the work proposed will help to relieve stress put on these points.

These works would be considered as general management and should not impact negatively on the health of the tree, nor on the public amenity value.

8 Conclusion

Recommend RNO

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/15/01183