
Site Address:	4 Silvertrees, Emsworth, PO10 7ST		
Proposal:	Fell 2No. Hornbeams (T10, T11), subject to TPO 1083.		
Application No:	APP/15/00527	Expiry Date:	15/07/2015
Applicant:	Mrs N Watts	Team:	Team 2
Agent:	Mr Philip Lamb	Case Officer:	Jamie Gargett
	Brightside Trees		
Ward:	Emsworth		

Recommendation: **REFUSE TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

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

2 Planning History

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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

Property Management (formerly County Estates Department) Hampshire County Council
Arboriculturalist
County Waste Management

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: 9

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Summary:

We at No.2 Silvertrees believe there is no justification to fell these 2 Hornbeam's, they appear to be healthy and contribute to the visual amenities of Silvertrees. The trees provide valuable habitat for wildlife and numerous species of bird. It has also been noted that there have been no reports in regards to the heave submitted within the application.

Comment:

Comment Noted

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 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.

Both trees are medium sized Hornbeam's that appear to be presenting normal vigour and vitality. The work applied for is due to the proximity of the trees to the dwelling and causing heave in the driveway, excessive shading and possible incursion into the drainage system.

The trees are located within a reasonable distance from the applicant's dwelling (circa 5m from the edge of the canopy). They have good clearance both crown and main stem and are not causing any contact or nuisance with the applicants dwelling or neighboring dwellings. The heave that has been mentioned is minimal and has not been technically linked to the tree itself, no report of this matter has been submitted. There is no evidence supplied in relation to tree roots and drains.

The felling of these two Hornbeams would have a negative impact on the amenity of the area, although this property is not situated on a main road the trees can be viewed from the public arena and surrounding gardens.

8 Conclusion

Recommended Refusal

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **REFUSE TPO CONSENT** for application APP/15/00527

(A)

(B) for the following reasons/subject to the following conditions

- 1 The trees are significant features in the local landscape and appear to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. Their 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 trees' 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.