
Site Address: 2B Billett Avenue, Waterloooville, PO7 7SZ
Proposal: Crown reduce 1No. Oak (T9) by 2m to western sector, subject to TPO 0856.
Application No: APP/15/00556
Applicant: Mr A Notter
Agent: Mr D Farrington
Ward: Waterloo

Expiry Date: 14/07/2015
Team: Team 2
Case Officer: Jamie Gargett

Recommendation: **REFUSE TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

Tree is located in the front garden adjacent to the applicants property.

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: 6

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 0

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.

There is an extant application from the owner of the tree to crown reduce the entire canopy which will be preferable to a part prune of the Oak. As such it is considered to be best practice to refuse this application and recommend permission for the owner's application.

8 Conclusion

Recommend refusal.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **REFUSE TPO CONSENT** for application APP/15/00556, for the following reasons:

- 1 The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. An application to reduce the entire canopy of the tree has been received which will manage the problem. A complete crown reduction is preferable to one in part and as such the subsequent application will be recommended for approval thus negating the need for APP/15/0556.