
Site Address: Tree located on public land to rear of 14 Grassmere Way,
Waterlooville, PO7 8RG
Proposal: Crown reduce by 2m and cut back to boundary of 14 Grassmere Way,
1No. Oak, subject to G1 of TPO 1150.
Application No: APP/15/00283
Applicant: Mr L Davis
Agent: Mr P Jackson
Ward: Cowplain

Expiry Date: 11/05/2015
Team: Team 2
Case Officer: Jamie Gargett

Recommendation: **REFUSE TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

Public open space to the rear of residential dwellings.

2 Planning History

None relevant

3 Proposal

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4 Policy Considerations

Havant Borough Local Plan (Allocations) July 2014

Listed Building Grade: Not applicable.
Conservation Area: Not applicable.

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

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: 0

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:

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 to this application is a large mature splendid Oak exhibiting what appears to be normal vigour and vitality for a tree of this age and species. It offers high public amenity for the local area and is demonstrating good form and structure. A reduction of 2m and cutting back to the boundary will impact negatively on the form of this Oak and ultimately be detrimental to the public amenity value that it offers.

It is acknowledged that some reduction of lateral branches are required where they overhang the garden area of one of the properties however the extent applied for is considered excessive for this tree as it will impact negatively on the current shape of the tree.

8 Conclusion

Recommend refusal.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **REFUSE TPO CONSENT** for application APP/15/00283 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. The tree surgery proposed in the deposited application would result in excessive reduction of the tree's landscape impact and undue 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.