
Site Address: 33 Oaklands Road, Havant, PO9 2RL
Proposal: Crown reduce spread by 1.5-2m all around and reduce height by 0.5-1m 1No. Oak subject to TPO 2032.
Application No: APP/15/00160
Applicant: Mr P Alberry
Agent: Mr B Harverson
Ward: St Faiths

Expiry Date: 06/04/2015
Team: Team 1
Case Officer: Jamie Gargett

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

Rear garden to a residential rear garden.

2 Planning History

None

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: 5

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 2

Summary: The reduction will ruin the beauty of the shape and structure of the tree and increase light pollution for many of us. If this cutting back of the tree is permitted it will set a dangerous precedent for the reduction of any or all trees over a certain height that are familiar friends in our day to day life. The Havant Borough Design Guide observes "There is a high degree of private green space within the character area. This largely comprises private gardens and school grounds" and again mentions when describing the area of Warblington and Denvilles "Well landscaped gardens with mature trees are particularly important to the character of this area".

Comment: The works applied for are considered to be minimal management practice for this tree, the impact these works would have on the street scene will not be detrimental. Trees in urban areas require maintenance and it is reasonable for the Council to allow sensitive tree management.

Summary: I wholeheartedly support the application to reduce the tree but feel that the works proposed are not enough.

Comment: The works applied for are considered reasonable management for this tree a greater reduction could detriment the visual amenity offered by the Oak.

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.

8 Conclusion

The tree subject to this application is a mature Oak displaying what appears to be normal vigour and vitality and offering restricted public amenity value.

The Oak is causing excessive shading of the plot and is a dominant feature in the owner's and neighbour's garden. The works applied for are considered to be reasonable management practice to allow for the tree, people and dwelling to be harmonious.

The applied for works should not detriment the health of the tree which is currently displaying what appears to be normal vigour and vitality. The minimal reduction suggested should not detriment the public amenity offered by this tree in the area nor impact negatively on the streetscene, and are considered to be reactive tree management based on the size and location of the tree.

Recommend permission.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/15/00160, subject to the following conditions:

- 1 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall not be carried out otherwise than in full accordance with all relevant content of BS 3998 (2010).
Reason: In the interests of tree health and safety.
- 2 The tree pruning/surgery for which consent is hereby granted shall not exceed the following: Crown reduce spread by 1.5-2m all around and reduce height by 0.5-1m 1No. Oak subject to TPO 2032.
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the tree(s) and its/their importance in the local landscape.
- 3 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 6/4/16
Reason: To control the timing of the works