
Site Address: 30 Wade Court Road, Havant, PO9 2SU
Proposal: 1No. Scots Pine, crown reduce top by 3.8m to reshape into main canopy, and reduce sides by 2.5m. Remove and dead/broken branches as necessary. Subject to TPO 0462.
Application No: APP/15/00614
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Laybourne
Agent: Mr J Petley
Ward: St Faiths

Expiry Date: 04/08/2015
Team: Team 1
Case Officer: Jamie Gargett

Recommendation: **REFUSE TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

The tree is located within the rear garden of the residential property.

2 Planning History

None relevant.

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

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: 4

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:

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.

The tree is a medium sized Scots Pine that appears to be presenting normal vigour and vitality. The work applied for is to prune and maintain the crown of the tree, which in this case is not considered reasonable.

No health and safety concerns have been raised in relation to this tree and to reduce the top of the Pine by 3.8m will detriment the form and public amenity of the tree. However the deadwood does need to be removed under Dead and Dangerous provisions, so this is considered reasonable.

Otherwise, the works outlined within this application do not meet with the industry standard of BS:3998 (2012)

8 **Conclusion**

Recommended Refusal.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **REFUSE TPO CONSENT** for application APP/15/00614, 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.