
Site Address: 3 The Gorseway, St Helens Road, Hayling Island, PO11 0DH
Proposal: Reduce height of Laurel hedge by 3m and sides by 1.5m, located within Coastguards Conservation Area.
Application No: APP/14/00592
Applicant: Mrs Pobey
Agent: Mr J Petley
Ward: Hayling West

Expiry Date: 15/07/2014
Team: Team 2
Case Officer: Jamie Gargett

Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

1 Site Description

The Laurel Hedge is located within the rear garden of the residential detached two storey dwelling.

2 Planning History

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3 Proposal

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4 Policy Considerations

Core Strategies 2011 forming part of the HBLDF
DM8 (Conservation, Protection and Enhancement of Existing Natural Features)

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

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Conservation Officer - No response received
Landscape Team - No effect on public realm, no landscape objection

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: 16

Number of site notices: 1 site notice posted 12/06/14

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:

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 Laurel hedge is of a large size and appears to be presenting normal vigour and vitality. The hedge itself is within a Conservation Area and is needing permission due to its internal stem diameter being over 75mm. The works applied for are to keep the hedge maintained due to the hedge becoming overgrown. The hedge extends over to next doors garden but the applicant stated on site that the neighbour supports these works.

The works applied for should not impact negatively on the health of the tree or diminish the public amenity offered - the trees are only visible from the surrounding gardens.

8 Conclusion

Recommended RNO

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/14/00592