
Site Address: 38 Summerhill Road, Waterlooville
Proposal: Fell 6No. Oaks; crown reduce 2No. Oaks. All trees within G1 of TPO 2011.
Application No: APP/15/00285
Applicant: Mr M Hearnden
Agent: Mr D Farrington
Ward: Cowplain

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

Sycamore Tree Surgeons

Recommendation: **REFUSE TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

Rear garden to a residential dwelling.

2 Planning History

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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

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: 1

Summary: we wish to register our total disagreement with this application and ask

Havant Council to refuse it, in its entirety

Comment: Noted

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 felling and degree of pruning works to retained trees 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.

This application has been submitted in respect to a newly built house where a TPO was applied before the point of development to protect the trees on site, its intention was to protect the sustainability of these trees. Any buyer should have been aware of the Tree Protection Order and taken this into account before purchasing the property.

No reason for removal has been given beyond letting more light into the garden. These trees are small specimens that form a nice group and are not considered to be overpowering or a significant constraint to light loss in the garden.

The two oaks highlighted for reduction have compact canopies in their setting and as such it is felt that it not reasonable practice to reduce them.

All trees as a group feature well in the local streetscene and the works proposed would detriment public amenity value in the area.

No health and safety reasons for any works have been highlighted by the applicant.

8 Conclusion

Recommend refusal.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **REFUSE TPO CONSENT** for application APP/15/00285

(A)

(B) for the following reasons

- 1 The trees are significant features in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. Its proposed felling and pruning would result in undue loss and detriment to the visual amenities of the locality. It is therefore contrary to policy DM8 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework 2012.