
Site Address:	21 Wyndham Close, Waterloooville, PO8 8HA		
Proposal:	Crown thin 1No. Monkey Puzzle (T1) by 20% subject to TPO 1823.		
Application No:	APP/13/00506	Expiry Date:	25/09/2013
Applicant:	Mrs J Hunt	Team:	Team 2
Agent:		Case Officer:	Jamie Gargett
Ward:	Cowplain		

Recommendation: **REFUSE TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

Tree is located within the rear garden of a residential garden.

2 Planning History

None

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

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: 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 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 of this application is a maturing Monkey Puzzle, It has an unbalanced crown and some die back as is often associated with this species as it matures. The application for crown thinning is inappropriate for this tree due to its branch structure and form, it would also do little (if anything) to address the issues encountered by the owner/applicant. An email was sent to the applicant following the site visit to discuss the application and to suggest an alternative programme of works. A response has not been received.

8 Conclusion

Recommend refusal due to inappropriate works.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **REFUSE TPO CONSENT** for application APP/13/00506, 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.