
Site Address:	12 Brunswick Gardens, Havant, PO9 3HZ		
Proposal:	Fell 1No. Oak (T8) subject to TPO 1351.		
Application No:	APP/15/00040	Expiry Date:	10/03/2015
Applicant:	Mr R Loaten	Team:	Team 1
Agent:	Mr M Reed	Case Officer:	Jamie Gargett
	All Tree Solutions Ltd		
Ward:	Bedhampton		

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

Rear garden to a residential dwelling.

2 Planning History

None relevant.

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: 1

Summary: Pruning would be preferable to felling.

Comment: The tree is not located in a sustainable position and as such pruning would not be considered to be a valid management practice for this tree. It is preferable to remove this tree and plant a new one within an area of the garden that will offer more growing space and as such the area will benefit from a fully developed tree.

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 works requested would undermine the amenity value of this tree and whether this could also be harmful to its 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.

The tree subject to this application is a small stunted oak that was planted by the current owners against the rear boundary of their garden. The tree is located extremely close to an adjacent dwelling and is in completely the wrong location in relation to the built structure.

It is reasonable for this tree to be removed and a new one planted in a more sustainable position within the garden. This should not detriment public amenity value in the area as currently the small oak is offering little.

8 Conclusion

Recommend permission.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/15/00040, subject to the following conditions:

- 1 The tree to be felled shall be replaced by a Field Maple to be planted in a position within the rear garden and at a height of at least 2 metres when such replacement planting is carried out.
Reason: To conserve and safeguard the visual amenities of the locality.
- 2 The tree felling for which consent is hereby granted and the replacement planting provision to be approved pursuant to the condition above shall be completed no later than the current planting season following removal of the oak.
Reason: To conserve and safeguard the visual amenities of the locality.