Site Address:	4 Michael Crook Close, Havant, PO9 3TX		
Proposal:	Fell 1No. Silver Birch within Group 1 of TPO 1466.		
Application No:	APP/14/00820	Expiry Date:	29/09/2014
Applicant:	Mr M Norman First Wessex Property Services	Team:	Team 1
Agent:		Case Officer:	Jamie Gargett
Ward:	Bedhampton		

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

Rear garden to a residential dwelling.

2 Planning History

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3 Proposal

Fell 1No. Silver Birch within Group 1 of TPO 1466.

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

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: 10

Number of site notices: 1

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.

Large mature Silver birch that is leaning over into the adjacent next door neighbours garden. On inspection it appears that the root plate of the tree has moved and as such there is potential for further movement which may then result in the tree becoming compromised.

In this instance it is advisable to remove this tree for potential health and safety grounds. A new tree will be a condition of this removal.

8 Conclusion

Recommend permission.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/14/00820 subject to the following conditions

1 The tree to be felled shall be replaced by a Silver Birch to be planted in a position as near as practicable to the position of the tree to be felled 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.