
Site Address:	Land adjacent, 5 Hampton Close, Waterloooville		
Proposal:	Pruning of 2No. Oaks within Area 2 of TPO 1101.		
Application No:	APP/14/01082	Expiry Date:	10/12/2014
Applicant:	Mr A Skeet	Team:	Team 2
	Havant Borough Council		
Agent:		Case Officer:	Jamie Gargett
Ward:	Waterloo		

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

Land north of No. 5 & west of No. 6 Hampton Close, Waterloooville
Havant Borough Council owned copse of trees abutting the rear gardens of residential dwellings

2 Planning History

None relevant

3 Proposal

Request to fell 2No. Oaks (02876 & 02877), since rescinded and amended in writing to one of pruning both trees, not to exceed 3m height

4 Policy Considerations

National Planning Policy Framework

Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) March 2011

DM8 Conservation, Protection and Enhancement of Existing Natural Features

Havant Borough Local Plan (Allocations) July 2014

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: 9

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Summary: Removal would leave area bare if Ash trees also die in future

Comment: Proposal changed so trees now remaining

7 **Planning Considerations**

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 trees from ground level accompanied by the owners of the property 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 trees subject to this application are displaying what appears to be normal vigour and vitality for their species and age class despite having been topped out in the past.

(i) Impact upon the street scene

The works applied for - if granted - would be detrimental to the visual amenity of the area and undermine the value of the Copse.
In discussions with the applicants (Mr A Skeet - Havant Borough Council), he has agreed in writing to amend the application from felling to one of pruning the two Oaks.

8 **Conclusion**

The works originally applied for are excessive and would not have resolved the issues of shading given that there are other trees behind these two which would remain to cast shade on the residents garden, thus I recommend the reduction in height of the two trees

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/14/01082

(A) Recommend Approval of pruning works to Oaks 02876 & 02877

(B) N.B. In discussions with the applicants (Mr A Skeet - Havant Borough Council) he has agreed in writing to amend the application from felling to one of pruning the two Oaks. Thus I duly recommend **APPROVAL** for the reduction in height (NOT spread) of Oaks 02876 & 02877 as per the following specifications:-

- Reduce both trees in overall height by 2m to 3m
- Make all final cuts adjacent to living growth points as per BS3998
- NO stumps are to be left devoid of live foliage and NO shortening back of lateral branches is to be undertaken

- 1 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall not be carried out otherwise than in full accordance with all relevant content of BS 3998 (2010).

Reason: In the interests of tree health and safety.

- 2 The tree pruning/surgery for which consent is hereby granted shall not exceed the following:

- i) Reduce overall height of both trees by no more than 3m.
- ii) Make all final cuts adjacent to living growth points as per BS3998
- iii) NO stumps are to be left devoid of live foliage and NO shortening back of lateral branches is to be undertaken

Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the trees and their importance in the local landscape.

- 3 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 10/12/2015.

Reason: To control the timing of the works.