
Site Address: 7 Parker Gardens, Waterlooville, PO7 5DJ
Proposal: Reduce lateral growth on west side over property by 3-4m 1No. Oak (T2); reduce lateral growth over property by up to 3M 1No. Oak (T4); crown thin by 10% 1No. Oak (T3) subject to TPO 1386.
Application No: APP/14/01187
Applicant: Mr J Young
Agent: Ms Whittle
Ward: Purbrook

Expiry Date: 14/01/2015
Team: Team 1
Case Officer: Jamie Gargett

Bailey Bros (Southern) Ltd

Recommendation:

1 Site Description

Three TPO trees in the small rear garden of a residential dwelling.

2 Planning History

None relevant

3 Proposal

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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

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: 12

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:

Whether the degree of pruning works 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 trees 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.

These are maturing Oak trees which are showing good vigour and vitality for their age and location and are visible in the landscape and make a contribution to same

(i) Impact upon the streetscene

Provided that the works are professionally undertaken and to a high standard these works would not be detrimental to the visual amenity offered by these trees in the local streetscene.

8 Conclusion

The works applied for are reasonable and constitute sound arboricultural management of trees in this situation to abate a nuisance. I have every sympathy with the owners in this respect as they are living with three Oaks in their small rear garden and controlling their growth potential will be essential if they are not to totally dominate.

I am not a big supporter of crown thinning as I feel it achieves nothing as the tree grows back quickly to fill the gaps, and in the interim you have opened the tree up to internal wind pressures and changed the physiological response generally to the elements. However, as this is a very minor thin in this case, which will not affect health and vitality I am prepared to let it go rather than refuse the application.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **Recommend Approval** for application APP/14/01187

(A) **Recommend Approval**

(B) for the following reasons/subject to the following conditions:

- 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:
 - Pedunculate Oak (T2) - reduce lateral growth on the west side by 3m to 4m, making final cuts adjacent to living growth points
 - Pedunculate Oak (T3) - crown thin by 10%
 - Pedunculate Oak (T4) - reduce lateral growth over the property by up to 3m**Reason:** To safeguard the health and well being of the tree(s) and its/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 14/01/2016.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.