
Site Address:	5 Lodge Road, Havant, PO9 3LL		
Proposal:	Fell 1No. Macrocarpa subject to TPO 0575.		
Application No:	APP/14/01315	Expiry Date:	12/02/2015
Applicant:	Mr M Case	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

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: 8

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Summary: It is stated that the tree is 'showing considerable die back'. This is only supported by the statement that it is filling the garden of 5 Lodge Road and 9

Maplewood with debris. No documentation from an independent third party has been provided to support the 'considerable die back' statement. I would ask that a survey of the tree is undertaken before a decision is made to lose this valuable tree.

Comment: HBC Arb has viewed the tree and has confirmed that there is extensive Seridium canker throughout the tree along with storm damage and mechanical dieback.

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 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 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 large mature macrocarpa in a state of decline (evidence of extensive Seridium canker present throughout the canopy) and is shedding limbs. The tree is also a large specimen in relation to its plot and offers obstructed and limited public amenity value.

In this instance due to the condition, position and size of the tree felling with a more appropriate replacement is appropriate.

8 Conclusion

Recommend permission.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/14/01315, subject to the following conditions:

- 1 The tree to be felled shall be replaced by a 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.
- 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 first planting season following removal of the Macrocarpa.
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