
Site Address: 6 Towers Garden, Havant, PO9 1RZ
Proposal: Fell 2No. Silver Birch (1No. dead, 1No. fallen, to dismantle); fell 4No. Leylandii; reduce 1No. Holly by 0.5m all round. All within Conservation Area of Langstone.
Application No: APP/14/00327
Applicant: Mrs B Harvey
Agent: Mr A Plummer
Ward: St Faiths
Expiry Date: 26/05/2014
Team: Team 1
Case Officer: Jamie Gargett
Fellam Tree Services

Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

1 Site Description

Side and rear garden area of a residential dwelling.

2 Planning History

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3 Proposal

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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: Langstone

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Chichester Harbour Conservancy - no objection received
Conservation Officer
Landscape Team - no objection

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: 0

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 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.

The two Silver Birch are exempt from the Section 211 as they are fallen and dead.

The four Leyland cypress identified for removal are poor quality specimens (one dead and one leaning, two are not of a quality for a TPO) and although offer a green bulk to the area are not specifically good trees and as such do not meet the TEMPO criteria for a TPO.

The Holly is a small tree that will benefit from the pruning identified by the applicant in terms of improving its visual appeal - although it is not visible in the streetscene.

It would be of benefit to the area if the applicant were to plant replacement trees in mitigation for the loss of the conifers but this is not an enforceable condition when RNO to a S211.

8 Conclusion

Recommend RNO

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/14/00327

(A)

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