
Site Address: 39 Bridefield Crescent, Waterloooville, PO8 8QY
Proposal: Crown reduce 1No. Poplar (T2) by 3m in height and 2.5m in width, and crown raise by 2m; subject to TPO 1084.
Application No: APP/14/01176
Applicant: Mr C Pykett
Agent:
Ward: Hart Plain

Expiry Date: 02/01/2015
Team: Team 2
Case Officer: Jamie Gargett

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

TPO tree located in front 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: 8

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 this tree and whether this could also be harmful to its 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 front 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.

(i) Impact upon the streetscene

These current works would not be detrimental to the visual amenity offered by the trees in the local street scene as it has a history of cyclic pruning works to control its vigorous growth habit.

8 Conclusion

The works applied for are reasonable and constitute sound arboricultural management of a tree in this situation.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **Recommend Approval** for application APP/14/01176, 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:
 - Reduce the height of the tree by a maximum of 3m and reduce the length of the lateral branches by a maximum of 2.5m, making all final cuts adjacent to living growth points.
 - Increase the ground clearance (crown lift) by a further 2m over the current situation in a balanced manner, removing whole branches wherever possible, and not shortening branches and leaving stubs.

Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the tree and its importance in the local landscape.

- 3 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 02/01/2016.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.