
Site Address: 7 Mill Lane, Langstone, Havant, PO9 1RX
Proposal: Fell 1No. Willow and reduce height of 1No. Hawthorne by 5m, both within Mill Lane Conservation Area.
Application No: APP/14/00347
Applicant: Mrs Mears
Agent: Mr M Reed
Ward: St Faiths

Expiry Date: 12/05/2014
Team: Team 1
Case Officer: Jamie Gargett

Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

1 Site Description

Rear garden to 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: Mill Lane (Langstone)

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

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: 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:

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.

Hawthorn - This is a mature specimen displaying what appears to be appear to be normal vigour and vitality. The works applied for are considered reasonable management for this tree in its location. There is no public amenity offered by this tree due to its position in the rear garden.

Willow - This tree is an over mature specimen displaying low vigour and vitality. There is extensive dieback within the crown and the tree is considered to be in decline. The tree forms part of border vegetation and is not visible in the street scene. It is however visible from the harbour but is not a prominent tree. In terms of its visibility and contribution to the area. Due to the condition of the tree and its low degree of public amenity value it falls outside the remit for making a TPO.

8 Conclusion

Recommend: Raise no objection

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/14/00347

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