
Site Address: 1 Curlew Close, Emsworth, PO10 7HD
Proposal: Prune back to previous pruning points on 3 western red cedar and remove two lower limbs on northern tree diameter of 14 cms these both have longitudinal wounds and dysfunctional wood and removal would not cause any major imbalance to the tree. Reduce southern sector of 1No. Western Red Cedar (T9) by 1m and crown raise to 4m, subject to TPO 0891.
Application No: APP/13/00730
Applicant: Mr N Warren
Agent: Mr M Reed
Ward: Emsworth

Expiry Date:	26/09/2013
Team:	Team 2
Case Officer:	Jamie Gargett

All Tree Solutions Ltd

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

Trees are located within the curtilage of a residential dwelling.

2 Planning History

None

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: 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: 10

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable

Number of representations received: 3

Summary: The trees not only offer a screen from view but also act as a sound buffer to a teenage family garden. The trees also block the light pollution at night of the external lighting, considerable glass expansive and large TV screens visible within the house.

Comment: Noted and application has been amended.

Summary: Finally it goes without saying that all of these trees in Curlew Close are of no danger to anyone and offer a home to a diverse range of birds and insects that make this a very special environment.

Comment: Noted.

Summary: The very open plan nature of the gardens require houses 1, 2 and 3 Curlew Close to create and plant small areas that offer privacy for relaxation. The 3 trees are the main part of the screen to the only two private areas in the whole of our garden. Presently these two areas are overlooked by 1 window of 1 upstairs bedroom. With the felling of the trees these private areas will be overlooked and exposed to 3 bedrooms, from 4 windows, including two balconies, one with a seated area.

Comment: Noted and the amended works should not impact on the privacy issues raised.

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:

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 three Thuja originally identified for felling have been discussed between HBC Arb, Aject and owner. New work specifications have now been agreed where by the trees will be pruned to the previous pruning points which will not cause issues relating to a loss of privacy to the local residents while at the same time allow for more light into the garden of the tree owner.

The single Thuja to be pruned is a mature specimen that will be reduced to allow for greater light to enter garden area. These works are considered reasonable management and should not detriment either the health of the tree or the public amenity that it offers.

8 Conclusion

Recommend permission.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/13/00730, 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: Prune back to previous pruning points on 3 western red cedar and remove two lower limbs on northern tree diameter of 14 cms these both have longitudinal wounds and dysfunctional wood and removal would not cause any major imbalance to the tree
3No. Western Red Cedar (Thuja Plicata) within G2 of TPO 0891. Reduce southern sector of 1No. Western Red Cedar (T9) by 1m and crown raise to 4m, subject to TPO 0891.
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the tree(s) and its/their importance in the local landscape.
- 4 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 26/9/14
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the tree(s).