
Site Address:	71 Fir Copse Road, Waterloooville, PO7 5HY		
Proposal:	Lightly rebalance crown of a Common Oak (T2) subject to TPO 1527.		
Application No:	APP/13/00976	Expiry Date:	02/12/2013
Applicant:	Mr Martin	Team:	Team 1
Agent:	Mrs K Whittle	Case Officer:	Jamie Gargett
Ward:	Purbrook		

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

Rear garden 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: 9

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received:5

Summary: We object to the felling of this tree due to its habitat value and also the fact that it is only misshapen rather than in a dangerous condition.

Comment: Noted and the works have been amended to a crown rebalance.

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.

The tree subject of this application is a medium sized mature oak displaying what appears to be normal vigour and vitality and offering a good level of public amenity value to the local street scene.

The works proposed will address the asymmetrical balance and form of the crown. These works have been agreed between HBC Arb and the applicant after discussion as felling the tree was not appropriate in this instance.

Should these works be approved they should not detriment the health of the tree or negatively impact on the public amenity value offered by the oak.

8 Conclusion

Recommend permission.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/13/00976 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: Lightly rebalance crown of a Common Oak (T2) subject to TPO 1527.
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 2/12/2014.
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the tree.

