
Site Address: 12 Royal Way, Waterloooville, PO7 8JE
Proposal: Crown reduce 1No Oak by 4m and reshape, within G1 of TPO 1101.
Crown reduce 1No Oak (T2) by 3m and reshape, subject to TPO 1101. Crown clean
(deadwood, crossing branches) both trees.
Application No: APP/13/00771 Expiry Date: 30/09/2013
Applicant: Ms Whittle Team: Team 2
Agent: Case Officer: Jamie Gargett
Ward: Waterloo

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

Rear garden to 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: 6

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 3

Summary: The four trees make a neat arboreal group and are a haven for a wide range of wild life, particularly birds, all three native species of woodpecker plus a wide range of song birds. During the summer they are also home to pipistrelle bats. These and a few other protected trees are all that remain of Inhurst and Outhurst woods.

Comment: Any works will need to fulfil Wildlife and Country Side Act for protected species.

Summary: The two trees subject of this application are the shortest trees in the group, reducing them by a further 3 to 4 metres will unbalance the group and expose the other trees to the prevailing winds. With the potential for the taller trees to suffer damage during summer and winter gales.

Comment: Trees grow as dominant and co-dominant species depending on their location, they also require management in the urban environment so as they can live harmoniously with residents.

Summary: One of the trees subject to this application abuts the boundary of my rear garden thus close on 50% of the tree hangs over my property. I see no reason for this savage pruning which will ruin the shape of these mature trees which have reached their optimum height. Some light crown reduction as carried out some years ago may be acceptable, but even that is undesirable as it will simply encourage the trees to put on more top growth.

Comment: Mature trees enhance the nature of the built environment and as such are considered by most people to be an assets. Unfortunately trees in the urban setting can not grow to their full and potential size in most cases as this can often become a conflict in terms of bulk and presence for householders and other residents. In this instance the oaks are of a size where by they require a meaningful reduction in size to allow harmony between resident, dwelling and tree. If undertaken by a competent Tree Surgeon this should not detrimentally effect the trees public amenity value or health.

Summary: The overhanging branches encroach substantially onto my property and the shading effect is significant. Recognising that a previous application to fell this tree was refused I must respectfully request that this current application is approved as drafted to relieve what has become a most unsatisfactory problem in terms of loss of light throughout most of the day.

Comment: It is acknowledged that the tree requires pruning in its setting.

Summary: Not wishing to pre-empt any local comments that might disagree with this proposal, in the case of T2 the position of this tree is such that I do not believe there will be any loss of public amenity by reducing and reshaping since it can only largely be seen by the residents of 12 and 14 Royal Way with any visibility from the road to the front being transient at best and at the rear negligible.

Comment: Noted and agreed the public amenity value is not unrestricted.

Summary: Regarding G2 , this proposal is also fully supported. Although this tree does not overhang my property the growth density and spread is nevertheless now contributing (together with other trees in the immediate vicinity) to a net shading effect in the latter part of the day.

Comment: It is noted that the trees are contributing to what is considered to be an overwhelming presence in relation to their setting.

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 trees subject of this application are two mature Oak trees, both displaying normal vigour and vitality and offer limited views to the public highway. These trees are however important features of the local area and form part of a large group of wooded nature. The Oaks are very large for their position and as such require management via a crown reduction. The branch structure within the canopy of the trees is well tapered and lends its self well to the operation of a large scale reduction. While not an ideal procedure, it is considered reasonable in this situation due to the size of the trees and their location. People must be allowed to responsibly manage their trees so as to ensure sustainability within the urban built environment. The works applied for should not detriment tree health or negatively impact on the character of the area.

8 Conclusion

Recommend permission.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/13/00771, 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: Crown reduce 1No Oak by 4m and reshape, within G1 of TPO 1101. Crown reduce 1No Oak (T2) by 3m and reshape, subject to TPO 1101. Crown clean (deadwood, crossing branches) both trees.
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the tree(s) and its/their importance in the local landscape.
- 3 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 30/9/14
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the tree(s).