
Site Address: 71 Elm Close Estate, Hayling Island, PO11 9AU
Proposal: Remove two lowest two branches to the eastern aspect and rebalance crown by up to 2m. 1No. Pine (T2) and crown thin 1No. Pine (T1) by 20% and remove deadwood, subject to TPO 1542.
Application No: APP/13/00909
Applicant: Mr Thomas
Agent: Ms K Whittle
Ward: Bailey Bros (Southern) Ltd
Hayling West

Expiry Date: 06/11/2013
Team: Team 2
Case Officer: Jamie Gargett

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

Rear garden to a residential rear garden.

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: 1

Summary: The tree to be felled is far too large for its situation and blights the gardens of the adjacent homes. It also presents a danger to a number of properties should it fall down.

Comment: The owners of the tree have amended their application to prune the Pine. There are no reported indications of the tree being in a poor condition submitted by either the owner or tree surgeon.

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.

T1 - large mature Pine in that offers high public amenity value to the local area, the proposed works should allow for greater light penetration into the applicants garden and also the adjacent neighbour.

T2 - large mature Pine. The applicants originally applied for this tree to be felled due to alleged subsidence and excessive shading (NO H&S CONCERNS WERE RAISED). No evidence relating to the alleged subsidence has been submitted with the application and in discussion with the residents on site they felt that pruning would be a more reasonable option to reduce the shading issue.

Works to both trees are considered reasonable and should help manage their size in relation to the location without detriment to their amenity value.

8 Conclusion

Recommend permission.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/13/00909, /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: Remove two lowest two branches to the eastern aspect and rebalance crown by up to 2m. 1No. Pine (T2) and crown thin 1No. Pine (T1) by 20% and remove deadwood, subject to TPO 1542.
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 6/11/14

Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the tree(s).