
Site Address: 33 Emsworth Road, Havant, PO9 2SN
Proposal: Crown raise 1No. Oak (T9) to 12m and crown reduce by 2.5m to previous pruning points; subject to TPO 0867.
Application No: APP/13/00904 Expiry Date: 05/11/2013
Applicant: Langstone Conservative Club Team: Team 1
Agent: Mr M Reed Case Officer: Jamie Gargett
All Tree Solutions Ltd
Ward: St Faiths

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

The tree is situated within the grounds of Havant Conservative Club.

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: 13

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable

Number of representations received: 1

Summary: The last time the tree was lopped was in 2006 since which time it has grown a tremendous amount, and I am concerned that the proposed work will not sufficiently tackle the problem. Last time I believe 30% was removed which was quickly lost to regrowth. I am not sure what percentage is planned this time, but I am asking for more than last time.

Comment: The tree works are considered reasonable management of the tree in its location. They will help manage its size without detracting the public amenity value of the Holm oak.

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 tree subject to this application is a mature large Holm Oak displaying what appears to be normal vigour and vitality for the species and age. It offers high public amenity value and is considered to be an important tree in the local area. The Holm Oak is very dominant in terms of bulk and presence for the local residents adjacent to the Conservative Club and as such management is required for this tree to allow for good relations and reasonable living conditions. The works applied for are considered reasonable management practice and should not detract the public amenity value given by the tree or impact negatively on its health.

8 Conclusion

Recommend permission.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/13/00904, 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 raise 1No. Oak (T9) to 12m and crown reduce by 2.5m to previous pruning points; subject to TPO 0867.
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 5/11/14
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the tree(s).

