

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

Target Date Planning	26 September 2012
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Arboricultural Officer Report Application For Consent To Carry Out Tree Work

To	Stephen Cantwell	From	David Cashman
Application number	APP/12/00672		
TPO Detail.	TPO 1595-T1		
Location of trees.	Rear garden		

Site Visit:

- On the day of my site visit I was unaccompanied.
- The only tree that I inspected was the one detailed on the tree work application and my inspection related specifically to assessing the proposed works rather than generally inspecting the trees 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.

Proposal

Fell 1 cypress

Tree Details *(See attached photographs for further clarification)*

The tree is a maturing Leyland cypress growing within the rear garden. It is approximately 6m in height. The area is generally well stocked with trees.

Comments/reasoning

The tree grows within the rear garden of the property and has limited value in the landscape and provides little contribution to the local character. The applicant wishes to remove the tree due to potential damage to the drains, although there is no direct evidence of this, irrespective it would be unreasonable to refuse consent to fell this tree due to its limited amenity value.

Recommendation: This decision is based on whether or not the proposal is justified, having regard to the reasons put forward in support of it, having assessed the amenity value of the tree and the likely impact of the proposal on the visual amenity of the locality.

T1 Permit the following: Fell

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Informative notes

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981: Note that it is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to disturb roosting bats, nesting birds or other species. It is advisable to consult your tree surgeon/consultant to agree an acceptable time for carrying out any work.

- **Owner's permission:** Permission should be sought from the owner of the trees prior to any approved work being carried out.
- **Council trees:** Permission should be sought from the Local Authority prior to any approved work being carried out.
- **Subsidence/Heave:** In some cases the removal of trees on shrinkable soils can result in **soil heave** which, in turn, can cause structural damage to buildings. The applicant is therefore advised to have this matter fully investigated prior to undertaking the removal of this tree. The Hillingdon Borough Council can take no responsibility for any damages associated with implementing this consent

Representations

The following representations were received and considered in the compilation of this report;

Date of site visit	15/08/12	
Weather	Dry, calm	
e-mail to Planning		
Inspecting Officer	David Cashman Treecare	Associate Director with Barrell

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Photographs



Photo 1: Showing the tree from the rear garden.



Photo 2: Showing the tree from the front drive