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THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
Notification of Decision

Application Number: 10/53217/009
Site Address: Bosmere Junior School, South Street, Havant, PO9 1DA
Proposed Tree Works: It is the intention of Hampshire County Council to further protect Bosmere Junior School from issues of vandalism and unauthorised access to the school site by completing the remainder of the boundary fencing (approximately 30% of the boundary).

The remaining boundary is to be protected using palisade triple point security fencing 2.0m high the approximate location of which is shown on the attached plan. In order to allow the installation of the fencing it will be necessary to cut back a number of small branches on trees as follows and as indicated on the attached plan:

Tree 1 – Acer pseudoplatanus (Sycamore) to reduce one small branch by 1.5m.

Tree 2 – Taxus baccata (Yew) to reduce 6 branches by 1m.

Trees 3, 4, 5, 6 – Acer pseudoplatanus (Sycamore) to reduce one or two small branches on each of these trees by 1.5m.

Trees 7 and 8 – Acer pseudoplatanus (Sycamore) to fell and remove. Both these trees are young and are in a poor state.

In terms of the erection of the fencing a number of post holes will need to be dug a 2.75m spacings. The location of the posts will be determined on site in order to minimise disturbance to the roots of any trees. All post holes will be excavated using the guidance of British Standard 5837 Trees in relation to construction – Recommendations Section 11 – Demolition and construction in proximity to existing trees and in particular Page 17 paragraph 11.3.5 which read as follows:

Any excavations which have to be undertaken within the root protection area should be carried out carefully by hand, avoiding damage to the protective bark covering larger roots. Roots, while exposed, should be wrapped in dry, clean hessian sacking to prevent desiccation and to protect from rapid temperature changes. Roots smaller than 25mm may be pruned back, preferably to a side branch, using a proprietary cutting tool such as bypass secateurs or handsaws. Roots larger than 25mm should only be severed following consultation with an arboriculturalist, as they may be essential to the tree's health and stability. Prior to backfilling, any hessian wrapping should be removed and retained roots should be surrounded with sharp sand (builder's sand should not be used because of its high salt content which is toxic to tree roots), or other loose granular fill, before soil or other material is replaced. This material should be free from contaminant and other foreign objects potentially injurious to tree roots.

Further to your notification received on 25 February 2010, Havant Borough Council, as Local Planning Authority, advises that it **Raises No Objection** to the above tree work in St Faiths Conservation Area.

This decision is subject to the work being carried out in accordance with the details submitted with your notification.

If you wish to vary the works proposed or carry out the work at a later time it may be necessary to submit a further formal notice under the above Act and give the Council as Local Planning Authority a further 6 weeks to reach a decision. Should you wish to obtain any further advice in this matter, please contact the Council's Tree Officer by ringing in the first instance the Customer Service Centre on 023 9244 6015.

Your attention is also drawn to the provisions of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) which relates to the protection of nesting birds. Any felling of trees, lopping of trees, tree surgery, or ground clearance affecting nesting birds during the months between April and September may be in contravention of that Act. You are advised to contact the local office of English Nature at Lyndhurst for further information (023 8028 3944).

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