

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL
Public Service Plaza
Civic Centre Road
HAVANT PO9 2AX

28th December 2016

Attention: Mr J Gargett

Re: Planning Proposal - Application Number 16/01285

Proposed works at 28 Manor Close, Havant PO9 1BD

I note the request by Mrs L Walker to fell an APPLE TREE and PEAR TREES in the rear garden of Number 28 Manor Close and would like to submit that at least the APPLE TREE is preserved.

I understand (from when we arrived in Manor Close in 2001) that the Council is always concerned to maintain 'green lungs' of deciduous trees where this is possible in urban areas and where this does not directly affect built structures - present or future.

This APPLE TREE is of an appropriate size for a small garden and fruits prolifically in the early autumn. It does need some minor pruning having been neglected by the former owner who was very elderly.

The APPLE TREE **does not straddle a joint boundary with No 29**
does not exclude any light from the neighbouring property
does provide a generous green growth, fruit and screening
is unlikely to conflict with any likely future building applications.
provides a welcome growth against the busy road of Prince George street
and is one of very few garden trees on this part of Manor Close

In light of the above
there would seem to be no good reason to destroy this Garden Apple Tree

I hope that a site visit will be made and that the Council will see the positive value of this garden tree being preserved for the enhancement of the environment and decide accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

Geoffrey Robinson
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