
Site Address: 19 The Parchment, Havant, PO9 1HD

Proposal: Crown reduce height of 1No. Bay by 3m back to previous pruning points; crown reduce 1No. Turkey Oak by 2m back to previous pruning points; crown reduce in height 1No. Alder by 3.5m and laterals by 2m back to previous pruning points. All trees within Conservation Area of St Faiths.

Application No: APP/16/01200
Applicant: Mr D Guest
Agent: Mr M Reed
Ward: St. Faiths

Expiry Date: 30/12/2016
Case Officer: Jamie Gargett

Reason for Committee Consideration: Application submitted on behalf of Councillor Guest

HNS Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

1 Site Description

- 1.1 The Parchment is a modern development located within the Havant area. There are a number of mature trees found throughout the development.
- 1.2 The application proposes to crown reduce one Bay shrub which surrounds the main stem of a Scots Pine tree and is found on the boundary verge of a parking area to the rear of a number of properties.
- 1.3 Also within the application are works to a Turkey Oak tree and an Alder tree, both are located in a parking area on the northern aspect of The Parchment.
- 1.4 The Turkey Oak tree is located approximately 3m away from a Sycamore and in front of several properties, and the Alder is located to the edge of the parking area with a brick wall immediately to the north of the main stem.

2 Planning History

98/57184/005 - Remove deadwood and epicormic growth on a Lime tree (T1) subject to TPO 1509, PERM,31/03/1998
08/72928/000 - Replacement of flat UPVC roof to existing conservatory with new UPVC pitched roof., PERM,23/05/2008
APP/13/00906 - Crown reduce 1No. Beech (T2) by 3m, subject to TPO 0979; remove epicormic growth of 1No. Lime (T1), subject to TPO 1509.,PERM,18/10/2013
APP/13/00925 - Reduce 1No. Bay by 3m in height, crown reduce 1No. Oak by 2.5m to previous pruning points; crown reduce 1No. Alder by 3m to previous pruning points; crown reduce 1No. Sycamore by 2.5m to previous pruning points; crown reduce 1No. Alder by 2.5m overall. All trees within Conservation Area of St Faiths., RNO,16/10/2013

3 Proposal

- 3.1 This report considers the application to crown reduce one Bay tree by 3m to previous pruning points, a crown reduction of one Turkey Oak tree by 2m to its previous

pruning points and to crown reduce one Alder tree by 3.5m in height and laterally by 2m back to its previous pruning points. All reside within the St. Faiths Conservation Area. The stated reasons for the works are for general maintenance of the area.

4 Policy Considerations

National Guidance

National Planning Policy Framework 2012
Tree Protection Orders: A Guide to the law and good practice 2009 and addendum 2009/2012.

Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011
DM8 (Conservation, Protection and enhancement of Existing Natural Features)

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Principal Conservation Planner

No objection received for this application

Senior Landscape Architect

Officer raises no objection to the tree work.

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: 10

Number of site notices: 1

Number of representations received: 0

7 Planning Considerations

7.1 The main planning considerations include:

- i. Amenity value and condition
- ii. The basis for proposed works

i. Amenity Value and Condition

7.2 The Bay is an over mature shrub displaying what appears normal vigour and vitality. It is set in a boundary verge of the parking area and surrounds the stem of a mature Scots Pine tree. It has minimal amenity value as it cannot be viewed from the street scene but contributes to the green aesthetics of the area.

7.3 The mature Turkey Oak tree is situated within the verge of a parking area located on the other side of The Parchment. The main stem sits approximately 3m from a

Sycamore tree to the eastern aspect and the frontages of dwellings to its west, with the base surrounded by shrubs. It appears to be displaying what is normal vigour and vitality but shows signs of previous heavy pruning to maintain the relationship between the tree and the nearby homes. It possesses a good degree of public amenity value with views from the frontages of the nearby dwellings and with the other nearby trees, creates an important group value to the area.

- 7.4 The Alder is located at the boundary of the parking area with the brick wall to the north of the main stem. The tree appears to be displaying what is normal vigour and vitality and is a mature specimen of the species. The tree is overlooked by the frontages of properties in the parking area and has views from the main street scene through the entrance to the parking area. Therefore the tree possesses a high amenity and contributes well to the area.

ii. The Basis for Proposed Works

- 7.5 The proposed works to the Bay tree requests a crown reduction of 3m. The purpose of this application is for general maintenance and to reduce the encroachment of the shrub on the parking area.
- 7.6 The crown reduction of the Turkey Oak by 2m back to the previous pruning points is to keep the tree well maintained, which will decrease shading to the nearby properties and to preserve a good relationship between the Turkey Oak and the nearby Sycamore tree.
- 7.7 The Alder requires some cyclical management since the tree is producing a large amount of shading and is overhanging the boundary wall into the neighbouring property.

Summary of planning considerations

- 7.8 The works to the Bay tree outlined in the application are considered reasonable cyclical management. The reduction will help to stop any encroachment into the parking bays without detriment to the health of the tree or public amenity value.
- 7.9 A crown reduction of 2m to the Turkey Oak would decrease shading to the nearby properties and would manage the tree's canopy size in connection with the Sycamore located close to the main stem. These works would maintain the harmonious relationship between trees, buildings and residents. This level of cyclical management would not detriment the amenity value or the health of the tree.
- 7.10 The crown reduction to the Alder in height of 3.5m and reduction laterally of 2m would be an acceptable level of maintenance for a tree of this size and location without detriment to the health of the tree or its amenity value. It would minimise the intrusion over the boundary wall into the neighbouring land but continue to provide privacy for the residents.

8 Conclusion

- 8.1 For the reasons discussed throughout this report and summarised in 7.8-7.10 above, it is recommended that the current application be permitted.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** to

application APP/16/01200.

Appendices:

- (A) Site Location Plan
- (B) Photographs