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

Proposal: Prune 1No. Lime (T1) to provide clearance of lamp post by 1m, subject to TPO 1509; crown reduce 1No. Sycamore (T1) by 2m back to previous pruning points, subject to TPO 1694.

Application No: APP/16/01199

Expiry Date: 13/01/2017

Applicant: Mr D Guest

Agent: Mr M Reed

Case Officer: Jamie Gargett

Ward: St. Faiths

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

HNS Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

- 1.1 The Parchment is a modern development located within the Havant area. There are various mature trees found through the development.
- 1.2 The application proposes to prune one Lime tree which occupies a prominent location within a parking area with an overlooking aspect from both the frontage and rear of a number of properties, with passing views from the main street scene through the entrance of the parking area. The Sycamore which is also the subject of this application is located in another parking area on the opposite side of The Parchment in close proximity to a Turkey Oak tree. Similar to the Lime tree, it possesses views from the frontage of and rear of properties and can be seen from the street scene through the entrance of the parking area.

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 prune one Lime tree, which is subject of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) 1509. The tree is a mature specimen with lateral branches reaching to an adjacent lamp post approximately 3m away from the main

stem. The application requests pruning the lateral branches near to the lamp post to give a 1m clearance around it.

- 3.2 The application also proposes works to crown reduce one Sycamore, subject to Tree Preservation Order 1694. The reduction would be to the previous pruning points for the purposes of general maintenance of the tree.

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: 19

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 Lime tree is a mature specimen in the street scene displaying what appears normal

vigour and vitality. The base is set within a rockery garden verge of the parking area. As the tree has an overlooking aspect from the frontage of a number of properties, it contributes well to the amenity of the area as well as being a long-standing feature of the landscape. The tree can be seen from the main street scene through the entrance of the parking area and can be seen from the surrounding areas having grown well above the roof tops to a height exceeding 14m.

- 7.3 The Sycamore 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 Turkey Oak tree, with the base surrounded by shrubs. The tree is a semi-mature specimen that is displaying what appears normal vigour and vitality. It possesses a high amenity value with views from the frontages of the nearby dwellings and with the other nearby trees, creates an important aesthetic quality to the area.

ii. The Basis for Proposed Works

- 7.4 The proposed works to the Lime tree requests pruning to lateral branches closest to the adjacent lamp post so as to give a 1m clearance. The purpose of this application is for general maintenance and to reduce the interference of the tree on the public street lighting.
- 7.5 The crown reduction of the Sycamore by 2m is for the purposes of general maintenance which will decrease shading to the nearby properties and to preserve a good relationship between the Sycamore and the nearby Turkey Oak tree.

Summary of planning considerations

- 7.6 The works to the Lime tree as outlined in the application are considered well within a reasonable level of cyclical management for a tree of this size and maturity. The reduction around the light column to give a 1m clearance will maintain a harmonious relationship between the tree, the lamp post and the local residents.
- 7.7 The pruning will help to improve the amount of night time street lighting, which will contribute to the feeling of security of residents within the community while not causing detriment to the health of the tree or to its amenity value.
- 7.8 Similarly, the works in relation to the Sycamore tree are of a cyclical management nature that would not detriment the amenity value or the health of the tree. The crown reduction of 2m would decrease shading to the nearby properties and would manage the tree's canopy growth in relation with the Turkey Oak located close to the main stem.

8 Conclusion

- 8.1 For the reasons discussed throughout this report and summarised in 7.6-7.8 above, it is recommended that the current application be permitted.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT CONSENT** for application APP/16/01199 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: Prune 1No. Lime (T1) to provide clearance of lamp post by 1m, subject to TPO 1509; crown reduce 1No. Sycamore (T1) by 2m back to previous pruning points, subject to TPO 1694..

Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the trees and 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 12/01/18.

Reason: To control the timing of the works

Appendices:

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