
Site Address: Trees r/o 19 The Parchment and 20 South Street, Havant,
PO9 1HD

Proposal: Crown raise 1No. Lime (T1) to 8m, subject to TPO 1509 and crown
reduce 1No. Beech (T2) by 3m in height and 2m from laterals, subject to TPO 0797.

Application No: APP/18/00736

Expiry Date: 26 September 2018

Applicant: Mr D Guest

Agent: Mr M Reed

Case Officer: Maria Stewart

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, private development located in Havant. There are a number of mature trees found throughout the development as well as younger trees planted since it was built.
- 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, and with passing views from the main street scene through the entrance of the parking area.
- 1.3 The Beech which is also the subject of this application is located in a parking area further south from the Lime and near a bin store. It has a slightly more limited public amenity value but can be viewed from within the Parchment 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

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

98/57184/005 - Remove deadwood and epicormic growth on a Lime tree (T1) subject to TPO 1509, PERM,31/03/1998

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

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 which has been the subject of regular pruning in order to maintain a clearance of the lamp post beneath it. The branches are now encroaching on the lamp post and will be restricting the light therefore crown lifting to 8m will remove this encroachment.

- 3.2 The application also proposes works to crown reduce one Beech in height by 3m and lateral branches by 2m, subject to Tree Preservation Order 0797. The agent wishes to carry out the reduction to reduce the wind sail area 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

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: 14

Number of site notices: 1

Number of representations received: 0

7 Planning Considerations

- 7.1 The main planning considerations arising from this application for works to two TPO trees are:

- (i) Amenity value and condition
- (ii) The basis for the 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.

7.3 The Beech is situated within the verge of a parking and bin store area at the southernmost end of The Parchment. The tree is a large mature specimen that has also been the subject of repeated pruning maintenance over the years. Large *Ganoderma* brackets are clearly visible at a height of 1 and 2m from ground level. *Ganoderma* causes white rot in the wood, and the decay usually occurs in the base and roots. It leads to cavity formation and can leave trees vulnerable to structural collapse and windthrow; however, given this, trees can often stand for a number of years as a healthy tree can respond to the fungus by creating additional wood around the decay.

7.4 The work that is being proposed will reduce the mechanical loading within the main canopy of the tree but it should be regularly monitored and appropriately managed if this tree is to be retained.

(ii) The Basis for Proposed Works

7.5 The proposed works to the Lime tree requests pruning to crown lift to give a ground clearance of 8m. The purpose of this application is for general maintenance and to reduce the interference of the tree on the public street lighting.

7.6 The proposed works to the Beech tree requests a crown reduction in height of 3m and lateral branches of 2m and is to reduce its wind sail area.

Summary of planning considerations

7.7 The works to the Lime tree as outlined in the application are considered to be at a reasonable level of cyclical management for a tree of this size and maturity. The crown lifting will have no impact on the health or amenity value of the tree and will maintain a harmonious relationship between the tree, the lamp post and the local residents.

7.8 The works in relation to the Beech tree are considered to be necessary to reduce the mechanical loading within the main canopy of the tree due to the presence of the bracket fungus known as *Ganoderma*.

8 Conclusion

8.1 For the reasons discussed throughout this report and summarised in 7.7-7.8 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/18/00736 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 works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 18/10/19.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.

Appendices:

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