P/13/0353/TO

PORTCHESTER WEST

MR PHIL WRIGHT AGENT: MR PHIL WRIGHT FELL ONE FIR AND ONE BIRCH PROTECTED BY TPO 460 64 & 66 WINNHAM DRIVE FAREHAM HAMPSHIRE PO16 8QG

Report By

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Site Description

This application relates to two protected trees. One fir tree situated within the rear garden of 64 Winnham Drive and the other, a birch within the rear garden of 66 Winnham Drive. Both propeties are situated on the southern side of Winnham Drive.

Description of Proposal

Consent is sought to fell one fir and one birch protected by TPO460 as the trees have minimal amenity value and overshadow the rear gardens.

Policies

The following policies apply to this application:

Fareham Borough Local Plan Review

DG4 - Site Characteristics

Relevant Planning History

The following planning history is relevant:

P/08/0820/TO Carry out works to silver birch in garden of 66 and fir tree in garden of 64 covered by FTPO 460 CONSENT 13/08/2008

P/04/0538/TO Raise Crown of Giant Fir to a maximum of 12 foot covered by F.T.P.O.460 CONSENT 25/05/2004

P/04/0270/TO Raise Crown and Remove Lower & Overhanging Branches to 15 feet, Larch covered by F.T.P.O.460 CONSENT 14/04/2004

Representations

Two representations have been received, the grounds for objecting were as follows:

1) Felling the trees for reasons of gaining light is unnacceptable;

- 2) The trees are in a healthy condition;
- 3) No reasonable justification has been made.

Planning Considerations - Key Issues

Tree preservation orders seek to protect trees in the interest of public amenity, therefore it follows that the removal of a protected tree should only be sanctioned where its public amenity value is outweighed by other considerations.

In this instance both trees, which pre-date the modern residential development are barely visible to the public and can only be glimpsed with difficulty above the roof tops from the end of the cul-de-sac. Therefore their removal will have no adverse impact on the character of the local surroundings and its public amenity value.

The Principal Tree Officer is of the view that subject to a condition seeking a replacement tree in a suitable frontage location the application is acceptable and complies with the Fareham Borough Council Local Plan Review.

Recommendation

CONSENT: Works to be undertaken within 2 years and work to accord with BS3998; Replacement Tree

Notes for Information

Notice of work commencement; Right to carry out work over property other than applicant's own; Terms as BS3998 and work in accordance with recent arboricultural research; Care to wildlife and bat protection

Background Papers

Please see planning history above.

