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LOCKS HEATH

MRS HANLON

AGENT: STUBBINGTON TREE CARE

REDUCE OVERHANGING BRANCHES ON 1 MONTEREY CYPRESS OVER 29 HAZEL GROVE BY 1M. CYPRESS PROTECTED BY TPO 693.

33 HAZEL GROVE LOCKS HEATH SOUTHAMPTON SO31 6SH

Report By

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Site Description

This application relates to a tree situated within the rear garden of a detached property on the south east side of Hazel Grove and north of Locks Heath Park Road.

Description of Proposal

Consent is sought to undertake the following works to one monterey cypress protected by TPO 693:

Tip reduce lateral branches on northeast side of tree by one metre back to natural target pruning points in line with property boundary.

The person who is applying for consent is not the owner of the tree, but rather a neighbour above whose land the tree is overhanging.

Policies

The following policies apply to this application:

Approved Fareham Borough Core Strategy

CS4 - Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity and Geological Conservation

Fareham Borough Local Plan Review

DG4 - Site Characteristics

Representations

One letter was received objecting to the works on the following grounds:

- 1) The previous works were unsightly
- 2) Further works may make the tree dangerous as it unbalances the crown
- 3) There is no rationale for further works to be undertaken.

One representation was received asking that the Council ensures that a competent person be employed to undertake any works.

Planning Considerations - Key Issues

The owner of the monterey cypress has raised concerns that the tree will be damaged as a result of the application tree works. The tree has been pruned unsympathetically by a neighbour in the past and therefore the owner is concerned that such works are not

repeated.

Due to the extent of the previous pruning that removed branches from the north side of the tree adjacent to the applicant's property, the encroaching branches are small and extend approximately one metre across the boundary. Therefore the trimming back of these small diameter branches to the boundary will not harm the health or appearance of the tree.

All approved tree works are subject to a condition which states that the quality of pruning is in accordance with the British Standard 3998: Tree Work - Recommendations. Failure to comply with this condition by undertaking poor quality work could lead to action being taken by Council.

The proposed tree works will not be detrimental to the health and condition of the cypress and will have no adverse impact on its contribution to local public amenity.

Recommendation

CONSENT: Works to be undertaken within 2 years and work to accord with BS3998 (2010).

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.



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