Eastleigh Borough Council TPO and CA Decisions

Date: 18/12/13.

Application number:
T/13/73516

Address of the trees:
Stoke Knoll Rest Home, 142 Church Road, Bishopstoke.

Application:
T1 Robinia: Fell.
T2, T3 and T4 Sycamore: Fell.
Works to alleviate shade to dwelling at 1 Bishops Court.

Parish Council comments.
Bishopstoke Parish Council raise concerns over this application.

Members felt unable to comment constructively on this application which they noted had been submitted by a neighbour on the basis of loss of light. They also queried how the applicant could ensure the work was undertaken if the application was approved and what the Tree Officer's opinion might be in these circumstances.

Correspondence:
None received.

Comments:
The trees stand on land at Stoke Knoll Rest Home, and the applicant is at 1 Bishops Court. The tree preservation order dates from 1976, so it is unlikely that the young Sycamores T2 and T3 are actually protected under this tpo.
T1 the Robinia is growing above the brick retaining wall adjacent to 1 Bishops Court, and the retaining wall brickwork is cracked.
The mid aged Sycamore T4 stands on the boundary with 23 Bishops Court, and has been previously lightly pruned to alleviate encroachment.
The proposed removal of T1, T2 and T3 is appropriate.
The proposed removal of T4 is inappropriate.

Decision.
PART CONSENT/ PART REFUSE TPO WORKS (L13)
Consent
T1 Robinia: Fell.

TIME LIMIT TREES (G09)
The tree works hereby consented shall be completed within 2 years of the date of this permission and shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details and to British Standard for Tree Work BS3998:2010.
Reason: To preserve the special amenity value of the trees.

Note to Applicant: It is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions attached to this permission, the proposed tree work is acceptable because it will not materially harm the character of the area, the amenity of neighbours or highway safety, and is in accordance with the policies and proposals of the development plan and after due regard to all other relevant material considerations the local planning authority is of the opinion that permission should be granted.

Note to applicant: For the avoidance of doubt, Sycamores T2 and T3 are considered too young to be protected under this tree preservation order.

Note to applicant: All works hereby consented should be carried out by a suitably qualified tree surgeon. A copy of the decision notice should be given to the Tree Surgeon.

Note to applicant: Please give Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Section at least 10 working days notice of the commencement of these approved works.

Note to applicant: The landowners consent must be obtained to enter his land.

And hereby **REFUSE CONSENT** for the following: T4 Sycamore: Fell.

For the following reasons: The proposed works are considered unjustified and will be of detriment to the health and appearance of the trees. The works would therefore result in an adverse impact upon the visual amenity, ecology, wildlife, shelter and screening of the surrounding area.