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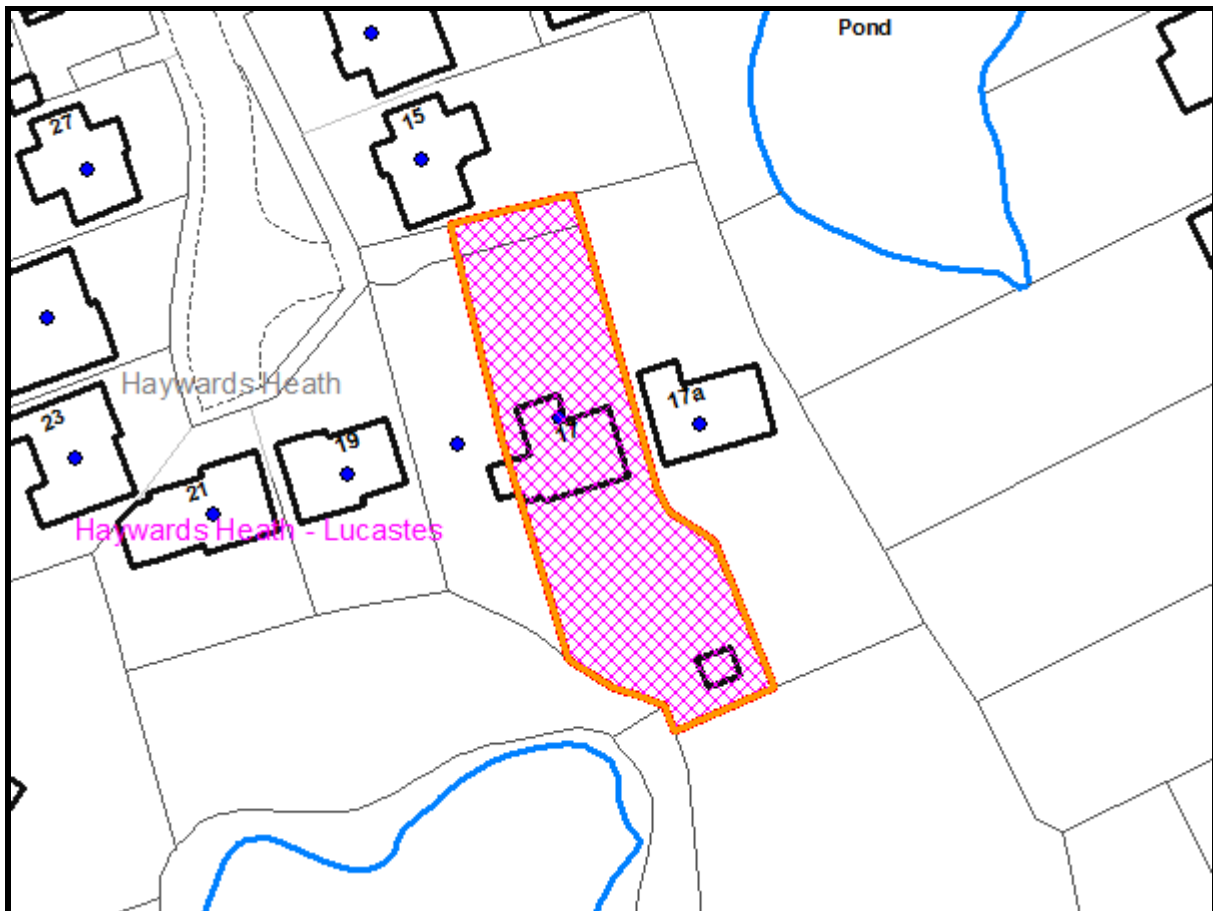
Planning Committee A

17 JAN 2019

RECOMMENDED FOR PERMISSION

Haywards Heath

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17B BLUNTS WOOD ROAD HAYWARDS HEATH WEST SUSSEX RH16 1ND

T1 MULTI STEMMED HORNBEAM - FELL. T2 HOLLY - REDUCE HEIGHT BY UP TO 3M AND LATERAL GROWTH BY 1M. T3 MULTI STEMMED HORNBEAM (JUVENILE) - REMOVE DEAD/DISEASED STEM TO BASE AND REDUCE STEM CLOSEST TO SHED BACK TO FIRST UPRIGHT GROWTH POINT. T4 HORNBEAM - REMOVE STUBS AND REDUCE SECONDARY LIMB TO FIRST UPRIGHT GROWTH POINT.

MRS PRISCILLA GOREEBA

POLICY: Areas of Townscape Character / Built Up Areas / Aerodrome Safeguarding (CAA) / Tree Preservation Order /

ODPM CODE: Tree Application

WARD MEMBERS: Cllr Jim Knight / Cllr Geoff Rawlinson /

CASE OFFICER: Irene Fletcher

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider the recommendation of the Divisional Leader, Planning and Economy on the application as detailed above.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This application seeks consent for the following works:

T1 Multi stemmed Hornbeam - Fell. T2 Holly - Reduce height by up to 3m and lateral growth by 1m. T3 Multi stemmed Hornbeam (juvenile) - Remove dead/diseased stem to base and reduce stem closest to shed back to first upright growth point. T4 Hornbeam - Remove stubs and reduce secondary limb to first upright growth point.

This application is before Committee as the applicant is a member of the planning staff.

The works are considered reasonable to address safety and overhang issues without undue harm to the long term health or amenity value of the trees.

Recommendation

Recommend that consent is granted subject to the conditions listed in the appendix.

SUMMARY OF REPRESENTATIONS

Haywards Heath Society: Defer to the Tree Officer.

HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS

The Town Council defers this decision to Mid Sussex District Council's Tree Officer.

INTRODUCTION

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RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY

None.

SITE AND ITS SURROUNDINGS

The trees are located within the rear garden of the property and are covered by a woodland Order. The trees form a small part of the edge of the woodland and could be classed as woodland fringe trees.

They are not of high individual merit but are valuable as part of the wider Order. Public views are extremely limited.

APPLICATION DETAILS

On inspection of the trees by the Tree Officer at a pre application meeting, it was noted that the multi stemmed hornbeam, the dominant tree within the group, has severe basal decay and should be felled for safety reasons. A partial stump has been left from a previous felling and this will be reduced further to the base.

The applicant has agreed to plant a replacement tree and this may be secured by condition.

Other works seek to reduce branches back off outbuildings and the holly reduction will encourage bushier growth and the formation of a better understorey plant.

LIST OF POLICIES

Mid Sussex District Plan

The District Plan was adopted at Full Council on 28th March 2018.

DP37 Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows

Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan was made on 15 December 2016.

No relevant policies.

ASSESSMENT

The works are considered reasonable to address safety and overhang issues without undue harm to the long term health or amenity value of the trees.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is recommended that consent be granted.

APPENDIX A – RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS

1. The tree works hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 2 years from the date of this consent.

Reason: To accord with section 17 (4) of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012.

2. The work shall be carried out in accordance with BS 3998:2010 "Recommendation for Tree Work".

Reason: To ensure that the work is carried out to a satisfactory standard.

3. Prior to the commencement of the works hereby permitted, a replacement tree shall be agreed in writing with the LPA. This shall include details of size, species and siting. The tree shall be planted within the first planting season following removal of the tree and shall thereafter be maintained for a period of 5 years and replaced should it become diseased or die.111

Reason: In order to comply with Policy DP37 of the Mid Sussex District Plan 2014 - 2031.

APPENDIX B – CONSULTATIONS

Parish Consultation

The Town Council defers this decision to Mid Sussex District Council's Tree Officer.