



Sway Parish Council

Planning and Transport Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Sway Planning and Transport Committee held at Jubilee Field Pavilion, Station Road, Sway on Thursday 7th December 2017

Present

Stephen Tarling (Chair)	P
Hugh Marchant (Vice Chair)	P
Peter Dance	P
Ted Fleet	P
Alex Pepper	NP
Melanie Seacombe	NP
John Warden	P

P=Present
NP=Not present

Also in attendance:

Parish Clerk, Sway News, and 10 members of the public.

PT17/181 Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Pepper and Cllr Seacombe.

PT17/182 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Marchant declared his membership of the New Forest Association (NFA) Planning Committee. The Chair and Cllr Warden declared their membership of Friends of the New Forest.

PT17/183 Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th November 2017 and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th November 2017 were approved unanimously as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising:

a) Hatch Motors Application 17/00876:

The Chair noted that additional papers were being added to the NFNPA web site frequently. Revised plan and drawings had appeared multiple times, subsequent to the consultation period. Other reports had also been added. Just today, two sets of revised plans had been added.

The Clerk had written to the Case Officer to request an extension for consultation – but this had been refused. The Officer did suggest that any further comments would be accepted and considered by the NFNPA. It had also been confirmed that the application will be on the agenda for the PDCC on Tuesday 19th December.

The Chair suggested that there were really 3 questions that needed the Committee's consideration:

Process – the Committee agreed that there was a procedure and it should be followed. It was felt that this was not the case and that this was disgraceful when the application was a controversial one. Members of the public spoke to their concern that the application plans and documents continued to show errors despite revisions. It was apparent that NFDC standards were not being adhered to and whilst NFNPA doesn't set standards, the site in question is clearly covered by NFDC and so their standards should apply. In fact the HCC Highways engineer had consulted with the Case Officer directly and his report referred to those standards.

The Chair proposed that the Clerk write and express the disappointment of the Committee for the record, and this was unanimously resolved

Additional Comments – the Chair summarised the latest round of changes and suggested that the Committee would need some time to review and prepare revised comments. A member of the public commented that the Ecological and Arboricultural reports were dated from the summer, and had not been revised in light of the known presence of bats. The Clerk referred to a paragraph from the [Case Officer's Report](#) which had been posted just an hour or so prior to this meeting, which states that "...Bats have been observed in the adjoining churchyard (but not within the site itself)..." This was observed to be unlikely since the visit would have been made during the day. The Chair proposed that he draft those revised comments and circulate for review. This was unanimously agreed.

Strategy for PDCC Meeting – the Chair noted that he would be prepared to attend, armed with the Committee's original comments, revised comments and now the subsequent comments. Cllr Marchant also stated he would attend as reserve. The Parish Council would be offered an opportunity to speak, and the Chair explained that residents could also speak – for a limited time and only once per application. Written comments could still be submitted directly to the NFNPA (via the website or to the Case Officer directly) and it would be helpful to copy them to Clerk.

The representative of a residents' group which had been established and had commissioned a highways report, asked if the Committee might be willing to fund a revised version of the report, likely to be some £600. The Clerk questioned whether this would be viable even if the Committee wanted to go ahead, and confirmed that she would check and report back to the Committee. If they were legally able to, it would need to be put before the full Parish Council for approval.

ACTION: Clerk to write to NFNPA and express the disappointment of the Planning Committee on the lack of due process in regard to application 17/00876 Hatch Motors.

ACTION: Cllr Tarling to draft revised comments in light of the latest revisions and circulate to the Committee for review and approval prior to presentation at PDCC on 19th December.

ACTION: Clerk to check on the viability of funding a revised highways report and confirm back to the Committee members. This item to be added to the Council agenda for 14th December meeting.

PT17/184 Outcome of Planning Applications considered at Previous Meetings

The Chair summarised each outcome since the last meeting – see Appendix 1.

PT17/185 New Tree Preservation Orders and Tree Work Applications

Cllr Seacombe had submitted a report for all current applications. As she was unable to attend the meeting, the Chair summarised each, on her behalf. The report is provided as Appendix 2.

PT/17/186 New Planning Applications

17/00912	Cherries, Crabbswood Lane SO41 6EQ	Raise height of roof; 5no. roof lights to facilitate additional habitable accommodation; cladding; demolition of existing conservatory.	19 Dec 2017
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It was noted that an original application had been submitted, received objections, been amended and re-submitted, and a revised objection offered. Both applicant and objector were present and a useful discussion was held regarding the issues. After some debate, the Chair suggested that the applicant would benefit from consultation with the objecting neighbour to find a compromise in design, and to reconsider the plans accordingly. The Chair reiterated that the applicant would be encouraged to withdraw the application and re-submit a new one later, which could be done at no additional expense. On this basis, the Chair proposed a 2, and the Committee approved this unanimously.

DECISION: option 2: We recommend REFUSAL, for the reasons listed below, but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers. Sway would add:

- It appears that no pre-planning advice sought, and no consultation with neighbours has taken place.
- This application would be contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework paragraphs 66 and 115.
- The application would contravene the NFNPA Core Strategy and Development Management Policies DPD Policy DP1 a) because it is not appropriate or sympathetic in terms of scale, form or siting; DP1 b) in that this would not respect the local built environment and particularly DP1 d) in regard of the adverse impact, visual intrusion, overlooking and shading of the adjacent property to the north.
- There seems to be some discrepancies regarding trees and we feel the tree officer should take a careful look and issue appropriate advice.
- The application must fall within the 30% rule of policy DP11.

17/00918	BROOKSIDE FARM, AGARS LANE, HORDLE, SO41 0FL	Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for continued use of building as B1 office use	11 Dec 2017
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The Chair suggested that there was little point in expending any further time on this item, following recent experiences with such applications. In the case of 17/00519 and 17/00520 the Committee had considered, prepared and sent in an extensive report. Carefully researched and independently evidenced submissions were also submitted, including a comprehensive Statutory Declaration from a near neighbour. This was all overridden by the application. Therefore, the Committee unanimously agreed that it would not be worthwhile submitting any comments in this case.

DECISION: No comment

17/00919	WOODLARKS, MIDDLE ROAD, SWAY, LYMINGTON, SO41 6BB	New studio outbuilding; roof alterations and cladding to existing outbuilding	11 Dec 2017
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After discussion, the Chair proposed a 5 and this was unanimously accepted.

DECISION: Option 5: We are happy to accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers. Sway would add:

It was noted that pre-application advice had been taken and applied. Three minor points were raised:

- The Sway Village Design Statement (page 19) states that boarding should be natural in colour or stained black and supports timber cladding as a traditional material; and also recommends pitched roofs. The Committee would encourage adherence.
- The new outbuilding is extremely close (300mm) from the boundary and may impact on neighbour amenity. Could it not be located a little further away from the boundary?
- It is not clear what sort of studio the new outbuilding might be. The Committee would like to add the condition that the outbuilding must be for incidental use only, and to avoid any excessively noisy or otherwise disruptive or polluting use.

17/00949	SWITCHELLS, BIRCHY HILL, SWAY, LYMINGTON, SO41 6BJ	Two storey side extension; porch	18 Dec 2017
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The applicant was present and made a short statement to support his application. Attention was drawn to the presence of a SINC (Site of Importance for Nature Conservation) known as Switchells Wood, which the applicant was attending to in an effort to restore it to its proper condition. Pre-application advice had been sought and a local architect commissioned to draw the plans. The chair proposed a 1, providing that facing and roof materials meet the Sway Village Design Statement requirements. This was approved unanimously.

DECISION: Option 1: We recommend PERMISSION, for the reasons listed below, but would accept the decision reach by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers. Sway would add:

The application is well within the DP11 30% criteria. Facing and roofing materials should follow Sway Village Design Statement guidelines. Sway note and applaud the applicant's determination to preserve and improve the adjacent SINC (Site of Importance for Nature Conservation) known as Switchells Wood, which is under the same ownership.

PT17/187 Discuss the process of consultation on applications 17/00519 and 17/00520, Arnewood Turkey Farm, Barrows Lane, Sway SO41 6DD

The Chair again noted that the usual process had not been followed in these conjoined applications. It was possible to see the Officer's reports on the NFNPA website against 17/00519 and 17/00520. 11.2 states "*The applicant's own evidence does not need to be corroborated by 'independent' evidence in order to be accepted.*" It was also noted that

“Factual misrepresentation of the proposal” is NOT a Material Planning Consideration. There were some lively comments wherein a number of Councillors expressed their concern and horror at the lack of due process on these applications. The Chair confirmed that frustratingly there was no redress and nothing to be done after the fact.

PT17/188 Update on Planning Enforcement

The Clerk reported that she had a conversation with the Officer at NFNPA who usually circulated the Enforcement Lists each month. Due to concerns raised by the NFNPA Data Protection Officer at NFNPA, circulation of the Lists had been ceased with immediate effect. The concerns relate to the distribution of personal information, in recognition of the forthcoming changes to Data Protection Laws, known as GDPR, which take effect in May 2018. The Officer did state that even if the Lists did not resume in the future, Sway would be notified of any enforcement investigations raised within Sway, and be updated about progress and any appeals. This would also apply to an investigation which Sway had raised itself. The Clerk will be notified formally in due course, of the decisions taken by NFNPA.

PT17/189 Planning Inspectorate and Enforcement Appeals

As had been announced at the recent Parish Council meeting, both appeals against the refusal of a new dwelling, on land at 37 and 38 Set Thorns Road were roundly dismissed. Sway had recommended refusal of both. Late information had been received to confirm that the Big Sky appeal (TPO 17/0363) had also been dismissed.

PT17/190 NFNPA Planning Development Control Committee

The PDCC met on Tuesday 21st November when it was noted that there were no Sway applications on the agenda. The next meeting is on Tuesday 19th December (as noted above).

PT17/191 Report by the Parish Council’s Transport Representative

Cllr Warden reported that the numbers of people registered was soaring. In terms of trips there had been 61 on Monday, 64 on Saturday and that the figures were generally in the mid 50s, close to target and improving. The timetable has been reviewed and some suggested it is difficult to use. A new web version has been drafted and added to the website and also redesigned to fit into a leaflet. Opinions were currently being sought. New posters could be put up at points in the village to help advertise and explain the system.

PT17/192 Roads, Hedges and Ditches

A Brighton Road resident had complained about lack of notices prior to the recent cattle grid closure. HCC put signs at the junction of Station Road and the B3055 indicating that Station Road was closed, which was incorrect and caused issues. Then signs were moved to the pavement which blocked access. Discussion ensued around the question of why HCC doesn't consult the Parish Council prior to putting their signs out.

It was noted that hedges on Pauls Lane have recently been cut.

It was noted that the pavement access onto the forest (through the pedestrian gate by the war memorial) had a considerable drop which was difficult to navigate for some users, and impossible for those in wheelchairs or mobility vehicles. The alternative was to use the access gate to the side of the cattle grid but this meant crossing the road at a difficult position, with no dropped curbs.

Cllr Marchant and the Clerk would be meeting a Highways Engineer from HCC later in the week, to review the pavements and accessibility for mobility vehicle users following the update in PT17/167 b) from the Planning and Transport Committee Minutes of 9th November 2017.

PT17/193 Next steps on flashing Speed Limit Reminder

List of potential sites was being drawn up and already some Community SpeedWatch volunteers have made suggestions on preferential locations. It had been observed that perhaps street lights could be used as additional locations, with no additional posts required.

PT17/194 Community SpeedWatch Report

Cllr Marchant gave a summary for both the December report on activities, and also a summary report of the full 2017. Both are available on the website at <http://www.sway-pc.gov.uk/csw>

He reported that new CSW groups were being set up at Copythorne, Ashurst, Netley Marsh and Lymington. More volunteers were always needed in Sway.

PT17/195 Correspondence and any agenda items for the next meeting

- a) In regard to the Gridiron Cycling Event 2016 feedback and the recent correspondence from the organiser (a Sway resident) it was noted that the item had been held over for comment/discussion at this December meeting, but since the organiser had still not attended it would now be removed from future agenda.
- b) Cllr Fleat enquired about the possibility of extending the current condition which curtailed activities at the Pavilion in the evening. The Committee was unsure as to the exact specification of time (approx. 9pm-10pm) and Cllr Fleat requested that the Clerk investigate and report back.

ACTION: The Clerk to research the details around the curfew at Jubilee Field Pavilion and report back with recommendations on how to apply for an extension.

- c) Cllr Warden shared a copy of correspondence between Julian Lewis MP and Alok Sharma MP, following a letter from Mrs. Mary Warden in regard to Housing and the Green Belt.
- d) A member of the public raised the question of a neighbourhood or parish plan, in light of the proposal for potential development of land by Church Lane for some 40 properties. The Committee agreed that he would be welcome to investigate this option and report back.

PT17/196 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 19:30 on Thursday 11th January 2018 in the Jubilee Field Pavilion.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:15.

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Chair of Committee

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Date

Outcome of planning applications considered at previous meetings:

Appendix 1

Number	Address	Title	Sway No.	Sway Notes	NFNPA Outcome	NFNPA notes
17/00777	Plovers, Station Road SO41 6AA	Attached garage.	2	This is an extremely squeezed proposal. The wall of this proposed garage is too close to the boundary, and would have a detrimental impact on the neighbours. This would be contrary to the Sway Village Design Statement Guidelines since it closes the gap with the property next door, detracting from the spacious feel of plots, and tends to introduce a more terraced look. Sway would suggest considering moving the garage back from the road, where it could also be further from the neighbours. If this were to be granted Sway would recommend removal of further permitted development rights.	Grant Subject to Conditions	Conditions including: in accordance with drawings, matching materials and the removal of further permitted development rights.
17/00520	Arnewood Turkey Farm, Barrows Lane SO41 6DD	Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for continued use of buildings (Plots A-F) as storage.	4	<i>A number of neighbours objected. Sway responded at length and in detail with evidence by the agreed deadline, recommending refusal with a 4. A month later the agent issued a 'clarification' and updated plans and promised a new application. Details were not forwarded to Sway. The Chair of Sway PaTC wrote three times asking for confirmation that there would be a new application and consultation process and did not receive any reply. A short while later a decision was posted issuing the certificate. It seems this will not be going to the NFNPA Planning Committee. "Factual misrepresentation of the proposal" is not a material planning consideration.</i>	Lawful	The applicant's own evidence does not need to be corroborated by "independent" evidence in order to be accepted. It is therefore considered on the balance of probability the requisite time period has been met and therefore a certificate of lawfulness should be issued.
17/00519	Arnewood Turkey Farm, Barrows Lane SO41 6DD	Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for continued use of buildings as B8 storage units A-CC1.	4		Lawful	
17/00808	Carbery Manor, Adlams Lane SO41 6EG	Conversion of garage to facilitate additional habitable accommodation; single storey extension to existing garage block; 3No. new dormer window.	1	Clearly a minor extension, and falls within the guidelines of the Sway VDS	Grant Subject to Conditions	Conditions including: in accordance with drawings, matching materials and the residential use limited to staff or dependent relatives, and at no time shall it be used as a separate unit of accommodation.

17/00724	New Forest Growers Ltd., Pitmore Lane SO41 6BX	Cladding to existing building.	1	This would be an improvement, it is an employment site, which Sway are always pleased to support. Although the colour and finish are not in alignment with the Sway Village Design Statement Guidelines for residential buildings, this proposal is appropriate for such a commercial building.	Grant Subject to Conditions	Conditions including: development only in accordance with drawings.
17/00810	40 Anderwood Drive SO41 6AW	Single storey side extension; conversion of garage to facilitate additional habitable accommodation	1	Sway recognises and applauds the efforts to resolve the shortcomings of the previous application. In alignment with the Sway Village Design Statement, Sway considered the undesirable flat roof, but in this one case would suggest an exception because there is already a flat roof further back, there is no obvious way of incorporating a pitched roof, and there are other flat roofs in the vicinity.	Grant StC	Conditions including matching facing and roofing materials, removal of further permitted development rights, the porch shall not be enclosed or incorporated into habitable use, development only in accordance with drawings.
17/00842	Kingfishers, Coombe Lane SO41 6BP	Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for existing use of building and land as a residential dwelling.	3	Local residents confirm that dwelling had been in place as it is today for at least 5 years and therefore the certificate must issue.	Lawful	The Authority is satisfied that on the balance of probabilities the use or development referred to in the First Schedule has been in existence for a period of at least 4 years preceding the date of the application for the Certificate of Lawfulness.
17/00797	West Cottage, Manchester Road SO41 6AS	Single storey extension; porch; demolition of existing porch/conservatory.	1	This application falls within the guidelines of the Sway Village Design Statement providing appropriate matching facing and roofing materials are used. We note that the Tree Officer has no objections; and this proposal would be appropriate for the area.	Grant Subject to Conditions	Conditions including matching facing materials, and development only in accordance with drawings.

17/00834	18 Heron Close SO41 6ET	Single storey side extension; 3no. rooflight; 2no. parking bays; fence and entrance gate; demolition of existing conservatory.	2	This application had not benefited from the pre-application advice from NFNPA Planning. From a careful review of the plans it is not considered to be in alignment with the Sway Village Design Statement (VDS). The application is for a fairly modest extension, but due to the orientation and location of the extension the visual impact was considered to be significant. The main areas of concern relate to the street scene, the materials proposed and the use of a flat roofed area. Flat roofs are not generally supported by the Sway VDS, with a clear preference for pitched roofs given. The flat roof in the proposed plans would be clearly visible from the north elevation and would not align with the recommendations of the Sway VDS. The materials and finishes are not consistent with the existing and could be considered to be out of keeping, which is against the design recommendations in the Sway VDS (p19). It is not clear what the height is of the proposed fence, but it appears to be around a metre, which is in line with the Sway VDS recommendations. Picket type fencing (rather than close boarded) and native hedging is preferred for boundary treatments where appropriate. If consent is to be granted, the Committee suggested that further permitted development rights are removed.	Grant Subject to Conditions	Conditions including: development only in accordance with drawings; tree protection plan to be followed, onsite prior consultation with tree officer, prior agreement of product to be used to construct 2 parking bays; prior agreement of the exact facing and roofing materials to be used
17/00845	6 Widden Close SO41 6AX	Access ramp and step lift.	3	This is modest, clearly needed, does not contravene the Sway Village Design Statement, and would not adversely affect the character or appearance of the area.	Grant Subject to Conditions	Conditions including: development only in accordance with drawings.
17/00844	Little Haven, Middle Road, Sway SO41 6AT	Single storey rear extension; replacement roof and external insulation to existing garage; render; cladding.	1	In accordance with the Sway Village Design Statement guidelines on page 19: "Boarding should be natural in colour or stained black." The garage to be used for incidental use only.	Grant Subject to Conditions	Conditions including: development only in accordance with drawings; matching facing and roofing materials
17/00835	Holm Farm, Boundway Hill SO41 6EN	Replacement dwelling; new pool house; temporary siting of cabin and equipment store; demolition of 2No. existing dwellings.	4	Sway are particularly concerned over the potential for damage to the adjacent SPA, from contractors vehicles and rubbish.	Withdrawn	Withdrawn

Applications for consultation only:

Number	Address	Title	NFNPA Outcome	NFNPA notes
<u>17/00796</u>	Merrifield, Flexford Lane SO41 6DN	Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for a proposed single storey rear extension and garage conversion to facilitate additional habitable accommodation.	Permitted development	The application falls within the limits of the General Permitted Development Order.
<u>17/00944</u>	7 Widden Close SO41 6AX	Single storey extensions; decking; cladding; alterations to fenestration (Application for a Non Material Amentment to Planning Permission 17/00508).	Raise no objection	The overall extent of glazing proposed and its position remain largely unchanged and on this basis it is considered that the amendments would be sufficiently minor to enable them to be approved as a non-material amendment.
<u>17/00945</u>	7 Widden Close SO41 6AX	Single storey extensions; decking; cladding; alterations to fenestration (Application for a Non Material Amentment to Planning Permission 17/00508).	Raise no objection	The overall form, design and character would not be affected by the amended plans and is therefore considered that the amendment would be sufficiently modest so as to enable it to be approved though the non-material amendment procedure.
<u>17/00838</u>	Downlands Farm, Linnies Lane SO41 6ES	Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for a proposed single storey rear extension; replacement detached outbuilding.	Permitted development	Amended plans have been submitted to the Authority (dated 20 October 2017) re-positioning the proposed garage to ensure it would be entirely to the rear of the house and would not be within 2 metres of a boundary. Its use would not include any habitable accommodation and it would not occupy more than 50% of the garden. The whole of the building would be within 20 metres of the house. The proposed garage would therefore be fully compliant with Class E of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the General Permitted Development Order and it is recommended that the Certificate of Lawfulness (Proposed) should be granted.
<u>17/00870</u>	9 Gilpin Hill SO41 6DT	Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for a proposed single storey rear extension.	Permitted development	The proposed development would fully comply with Class A of Part 1 of the General Permitted Development Order and it is recommended that the Certificate of Lawfulness (Proposed) should be granted.

Appendix II:

Tree Report December 2017

Application No: TPO/17/1057

Address: GRACEWELL OF SWAY, SWAY PLACE, CHURCH LANE, SWAY

Fell 1 x Sycamore tree; Fell 1 x Beech tree; Fell 1 x Cypress tree; Prune 1 x Sycamore tree; Prune 2 x Oak trees; Prune 1 x Beech tree; Prune 1 x Lime tree

SPC's Comments

The trees on this land are of High Amenity Value as can be seen from many vantage points around the site. The application is backed up by a tree report. It is unfortunate that many of the trees are reaching a stage when remedial work or felling is required. It is therefore important that if the NFNPA tree officer considers this work is acceptable that replacement planting takes place, as due to recent applications the area will soon be denuded of mature trees.

It is often the case that remedial planting is not checked and that this application should have a condition placed on it of proof of replacement planting such as photographic evidence, especially if physical checks on site do often not take place.

SPC's Comments to NFNPA

Sway Parish Council are happy to leave the decision to the tree officer in light of the fact that the work is backed up by a tree report.

However we would like to make the tree officer aware that we consider the area to have HIGH amenity value as the trees can be seen from many vantage points.

That the area is steadily being denuded of trees due to their age which is of concern as there have been many recent applications to fell.

That we would like to see not only a condition that substitute tree planting should take place but that it is backed up with photographic evidence.

Application No: TPO/17/1060

Address: APRIL COTTAGE, STATION ROAD, SWAY, LYMINGTON, SO41 6AB

Prune 1 x Ash tree

SPC's Comments

This tree is set well back from the road.

The work seems reasonable to the healthy retention of the tree.

SPC's Comments to NFNPA

SPC offer no objections

Application No: TPO/17/1062

Address: BRAMBLES, BIRCHY HILL, SWAY, LYMINGTON, SO41 6BJ

Prune 1 x Oak tree Crown lift by 4 Mts to give clearance to gardens.

SPC's Comments

This tree is set well back from the road.

The work seems reasonable to the healthy retention of the tree.

SPC's Comments to NFNPA

SPC offer no objections

Application No: TPO/17/1108

Address: PINE COTTAGE, MEAD END ROAD, SWAY, LYMINGTON, SO41 6EE

Fell 1 x Horse Chestnut tree due to tree being irregularly formed, unbalanced and with severe die back in crown.

SPC's Comments

From the road it is difficult to determine which tree the application refers to as it is set back in the garden. Should a tree be felled due to irregular form and unbalanced shape? Would sympathetic pruning not be more reasonable? The die back might however shows a decline of the tree, is this sufficient reason to fell? For this last reason we have no alternative to accept the tree officer's decision who is able to closely inspect this tree.

SPC's Comments to NFNPA

SPC would like to save the tree if possible by sympathetic pruning.

If however the die back within the crown shows sufficient reason to fell we are happy to go with the tree officers decision.

Application No: TPO/17/1154

Address: 23 ANDERWOOD DRIVE, SWAY, LYMINGTON, SO41 6AW

Exempt works Tree is dead

Previous months TPO tree applications:

Application No: TPO/17/0958

Address: Rose Cottage, Back Lane, Sway, SO41 6BU

Prune 1 Oak tree: Reduce Oak tree by 2.5 metres and reshape. Too much shade created for small, garden. Previously reduced 6 years ago

Decision: Granted

SPC's Comments to NFNPA

SPC offer no objections

Application No: TPO/17/0925

Address: Land of Hair Sway / Haywood Fox Station Road, Sway, SO41 6BA

Fell 1 Horse Chestnut tree: The bark has cracked and lifted in places and decay has set in by pavement and road side of village.

Decision: Split decision.

This Horse Chestnut tree enhances the visual amenity of the locality and its felling would cause harm to the character and appearance of the street scene and the wider area.

The tree works permitted in this decision notice are considered reasonable routine management, enabling the ongoing retention of the tree as a positive amenity feature to the area while addressing the concerns detailed within the application.

REFUSE CONSENT Horse Chestnut tree (marked as T1 within the application and included within G1 of TPO 110/04) - Felled

Horse Chestnut tree (marked as T1 within the application and included within G1 of TPO 110/04) - Reduce and reshape the crown by 2 m, reduce the single lateral primary branch growing over the road to the east by 3.0 m and lift the height of the crown to provide a maximum clearance of 5.5 m above ground level by the removal of secondary and tertiary branches only.

Cllr Seacombe SPC Tree Representative