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Application for tree works: works to trees subject to a tree preservation order (TPO) and/or notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area.

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Publication of applications on planning authority websites.

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

1. Trees Location

Number	<input type="text" value="11"/>
Suffix	<input type="text"/>
Property name	<input type="text"/>
Address line 1	<input type="text" value="Bee Orchid Way"/>
Address line 2	<input type="text"/>
Address line 3	<input type="text"/>
Town/city	<input type="text" value="Tharston"/>
Postcode	<input type="text" value="NR15 2ZS"/>

If the location is unclear or there is not a full postal address, describe as clearly as possible where it is (for example, 'Land to rear of 12 to 18 High Street' or 'Woodland adjoining Elm Road')

Easting (x)	<input type="text" value="618921"/>
Northing (y)	<input type="text" value="293013"/>

Description

2. Applicant Details

Title	<input type="text" value="Miss"/>
First name	<input type="text" value="Claire"/>
Surname	<input type="text" value="Doughty"/>
Company name	<input type="text"/>
Address line 1	<input type="text" value="11 Bee Orchid Way"/>
Address line 2	<input type="text" value="Tharston"/>
Address line 3	<input type="text"/>

2. Applicant Details

Town/city	<input type="text" value="Norfolk"/>
Country	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>
Postcode	<input type="text" value="NR15 2ZS"/>

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant? Yes No

Primary number

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

3. Agent Details

No Agent details were submitted for this application

4. What Are You Applying For?

Based on the type of work proposed and the location and protected status of the trees involved, there are various details and supporting information that will need to be supplied in order for the Local Planning Authority to determine the application.

Are you seeking consent for works to tree(s) subject to a Tree Preservation Order? Yes No

Do you know the Tree Preservation Order reference number(s) Yes No

For works to trees covered by a TPO

Please indicate whether the reasons for carrying out the proposed works include any of the following. If so, your application MUST be accompanied by the necessary evidence to support your proposals (see guidance notes for further details).

1. Condition of the tree(s) - e.g. it is diseased or you have fears that it might break or fall Yes No

If Yes, you are required to provide written arboricultural advice or other diagnostic information from an appropriate expert.

2. Alleged damage to property - e.g. subsidence or damage to drains or drives. Yes No

If Yes, you are required to provide for:

- Subsidence: A report by an engineer or surveyor (to include a description of damage, vegetation, monitoring data, soil, roots and repair proposals) and a report from an arboriculturist to support the tree work proposals.

- Other structural damage (e.g. drains walls and hard surfaces): Written technical evidence from an appropriate expert, including description of damage and possible solutions.

Are you wishing to carry out works to tree(s) in a conservation area? Yes No

Documents and plans (for any tree)

A sketch plan clearly showing the position of trees listed in the question 'Identification of Tree(s) and Description of Works' MUST be provided when applying for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order. A sketch plan is also advised when notifying the LPA of works to trees in a conservation area (see guidance notes).

It would also be helpful if you provided details of any advice given on site by an LPA officer.

Are you providing additional information in support of your application (e.g. an additional schedule of work for question 'Identification of Tree(s) and Description of Works')? Yes No

5. Identification of Tree(s) and Description of Works

Please identify the tree(s) and provide a full and clear specification of the works you want to carry out.

You might find it useful to contact an arborist (tree surgeon) for help with defining appropriate work.

Where trees are protected by a Tree Preservation Order, please number them as shown in the First Schedule to the Tree Preservation Order where this is available. You should use the same numbering on your sketch plan (see help for sketch plan requirements).

Please provide the following information:

- Tree species
- The number used on the sketch plan); and
- A description of the proposed works.

5. Identification of Tree(s) and Description of Works

Where trees are protected by a Tree Preservation Order you must also provide:

- Reasons for the work; and where trees are being felled
- Proposals for planting replacement trees (including quantity, species, position and size) or reasons for not wanting to replant.

e.g. Oak (T3) - fell because of excessive shading and low amenity value. Replant with one standard ash in same position.

We have two large poplars in our garden, one is approx 3x the size of the rest of the trees that line Bee Orchid Way, with a trunk circumference of 14ft, 90ft tall and excessively large in comparison to all the others. The tree is at the end of the garden (13m from our house) and the branches of this tree extend over the entire garden and over the roof of our house.

We would like this large branch, that extends over the house and garden, removed and also to take as much 'weight' (tertiary branches) out of the tree as possible for the following reasons:

- damage to property. They have broken our roof tiles and cause great risk to our solar panels and garden furniture.
- danger to vehicles. Extremely large branches have fallen on my partners car (12ft+ very heavy)
- danger to life. Branches the size of small trees frequently drop damaging our property, hitting our doors and windows. If a 12ft branch hit us after falling from the 90ft tree this could obviously be fatal to us or our pet who cannot stay outside for prolonged periods because of the falling debris.
- unmanageable debris - the two 90ft trees completely cover our garden in leaves, then seeds, then buds, then branches and sticks. It's completely unmanageable to the point where we cannot use the garden in spring and autumn, it is killing the grass and the level of debris that falls from the 90ft+ tree into our small garden is colossal and cannot be maintained. Also bird waste is constantly falling over our garden and means we can't sit or eat outside without sticks/buds/leaves/bird waste falling on us. As an example, I cleared the whole patio and, within an hour, it was covered with hundreds of poplar buds again. In the autumn, there are far more leaves than can fit in our brown bin filling it bi-weekly. We only managed to clear our pile from autumn by late February.
- shading to the garden. We receive no sunlight at all once the leaves come in. They also completely block the solar panels in the summer which could be generating green energy.

I don't wish for this to be a 'but the trees were there first' debate so please understand that we just wish to fell the excess branches, that are extremely dangerous, as much as possible so that we can feel safe in our home, use our garden and patio without being covered in debris and risk being injured. When the planning was put forward for the trees to be removed the professional tree surgeon agreed the trees were not suitable but the application was refused based on visual amenity (they look nice). Please consider this vs the fact that we cannot safely live in our home or enjoy our garden unless some of these huge branches are felled. I hope this can be agreed as a 'happy medium' so we can keep the trees but also live safely and happily on our property.

6. Tree Ownership

Is the applicant the owner of the tree(s)?

Yes No

7. Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, is the applicant and/or agent one of the following:

- (a) a member of staff
- (b) an elected member
- (c) related to a member of staff
- (d) related to an elected member

It is an important principle of decision-making that the process is open and transparent.

Yes No

For the purposes of this question, "related to" means related, by birth or otherwise, closely enough that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was bias on the part of the decision-maker in the Local Planning Authority.

Do any of the above statements apply?

8. Trees - Declaration

I/we hereby apply for planning permission/consent as described in this form and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information. I/we confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

Date (cannot be pre-application)

30/03/2021