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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 (as amended)

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.

Tree Location

Please provide the address of the site where the tree(s) stands (full address if possible)

Number

2

Suffix

Property Name

Address Line 1

Norham Drive

Address Line 2

Stobhill Manor

Address Line 3

Northumberland

Town/city

Morpeth

Postcode

NE61 2XA

Easting (x)

420664

Northing (y)

584570

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')

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

David

Surname

Steel

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

2 Norham Drive

Address line 2

Stobhill Manor

Address line 3

Northumberland

Town/City

Morpeth

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

NE61 2XA

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes

No

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

***** REDACTED *****

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

Please enter the title or number for each relevant Tree Preservation Order

Borough of Castle Morpeth (Stobhill Manor, Morpeth) Tree Preservation Order 1996

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](#)).

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.

Alleged damage to property - e.g. subsidence or damage to drains or drives.

- Yes
 No

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 the question 'Identification of Tree(s) and Description of Works')?

- Yes
 No

If Yes, please provide the reference numbers of plans, documents, professional reports, photographs etc in support of your application

Within the this TPO application the following documents are included:
Appendix 1 – Report and Recommendations from North Country Tree Surgeons
Appendix 2 – Tree layout within area - North Country Tree Surgeons
Appendix 3 – Tree identification - North Country Tree Surgeons
Appendix 4 – Photo 1, previous wind damage on trees
Appendix 5 – Photo 2, size of trees and proximity to house (front of property)
Appendix 6 – Photo 3, size of trees and proximity to house (front of property)
Appendix 7 – Photo 4, size of trees and proximity to house (rear of property)
Appendix 8 – Photo 5, size of trees and proximity to house (rear of property)
Appendix 9 – Ariel view of TPO adjacent to 2 Norham Drive

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

The work to be carried out is shown within the Report and Recommendations from North Country Tree Surgeons (which is included within the appendices), which is supported by a site layout and tree ID sketch. The recommendations are shown below:

Tree ID - Tree Type - Description - Recommendation

T2 - Ash - No visible signs of ash dieback as yet but will likely succumb - Monitor
T3 - Ash - No visible signs of ash dieback as yet but will likely succumb - Monitor
T16 - Ash - Some signs of ash dieback. (20% of tree) - Fell
T17 - Ash - Significant signs of ash dieback.- Fell
T22 - Ash - Significant signs of ash dieback.- Fell
T1 - Norway Maple - Very dense crown, outgrowing its space - 30% Crown reduction, 20% thin
T4 - Norway Maple - Very dense crown, outgrowing its space - 30% Crown reduction, 20% thin
T5 - Beach - Very one sided, outgrowing its space Pronounced lean - 30% Crown reduction, 20% thin
T12 - Norway Maple - Good health, needs reshaping - Crown reduction 25%, thin 10%
T21 - Norway Maple - Good health, needs reshaping - Crown reduction 25%, thin 10%
T22 - Norway Maple - Very dense crown - 25% crown thin

Storm Arwen hit the North East of England in November 2021. Since this event the trees in the preservation area (adjacent to 2 Norham Drive and 1 Whinham Way) are creaking and groaning, when further high winds have occurred. This is new and was never present prior to Storm Arwen.

Storm damage to the trees, prior to November 2021, has already been witnessed (attachment 4 - Photo 1), it was fortunate that no damage to the property occurred.

We (the owners of 2 Norham Drive), have also been approached by their neighbour at 1 Whinham Way, with regards to height of the trees in the TPO area, and the proximity to their property. They also have major concerns, as are outlined in this application.

I would like to refer to appendices, which clearly shows the density of the trees adjacent to 2 Norham Drive and 1 Whinham Way, and also shows the density of trees within the whole area covered by the TPO. The density adjacent to 2 Norham Drive is greater, and the proximity to property is closer.

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 below 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.

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.

Sketch plan requirements

Your plan needs to show the precise location of the tree(s) in relation to nearby property/roads/boundaries. It should, therefore:

- indicate the main features of the site where the tree(s) stand and its surroundings; in particular, you should:
 - mark and name surrounding roads
 - sketch in buildings, including adjoining properties
 - add house numbers or names
- mark the position of the tree(s) to which you want to carry out work and identify them by the number shown in the Tree Preservation Order where possible; if you use a different number, please make sure that this can be matched with your description of the tree(s)
- if there are many trees on the site, make clear which tree(s) are included in this application by:
 - marking all trees on the plan, but only numbering those to which you want to carry out work
 - showing the approximate distance between the application tree(s) and buildings
 - adding other relevant features on the site (e.g. greenhouse, paths)

If it is impossible to identify the tree(s) accurately on the plan (e.g. because they are part of a woodland or group of trees), please identify their approximate location on the plan and provide details of how the tree(s) are marked on site (e.g. high visibility tape, tree tags, paint, etc); trees must not be marked by scarring or cutting into the bark.

Tree Ownership

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

- Yes
 No

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.

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?

- Yes
 No

Declaration

I / We hereby apply for Tree works: Trees in conservation areas/subject to TPOs as described in this form and 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 options of the persons giving them. I / We also accept that: Once submitted, this information will be transmitted to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be made available as part of a public register and on the authority's website; our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

David Steel

Date

29/09/2022