

From: Trees <trees@surreyheath.gov.uk>

Sent: 31 Oct 2023 10:27:17

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Subject: FW: trees TWA/23/0246

Attachments:

From: Ellis Griffiths <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 5:28 PM

To: Trees <trees@surreyheath.gov.uk>

Cc: Cllr Richard Wilson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: RE: trees TWA/23/0246

Dear Ms. Swann

I am sorry that my information doesn't give sufficient clarity to allow me to manage the oak trees in my garden even though the details included in my first email to you have been sufficient for other occupants of your position in the past. Seven applications have been approved since we moved to this address 42 years ago. Clearly a cut back to previous cut points is a crown reduction but only to the dimensions that existed 4 years ago. I mistakenly called it crown thinning. I am sorry that you found that the sketch wasn't clear but I always detail any drawings that I provide 40' means 40 feet, if it were to be a metric measurement it would have a letter 'm' following the number. When did it become a legal requirement to use only metric measurements? My tree surgeon has tried to contact you [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In any event you have his telephone number in my application if you want to contact him. However he will want to be paid if he has to write a report which I assume will be met by you.

So, for the avoidance of misunderstanding the MAXIMUM reductions would be

T1 Hight 7.62m could be reduced to 6.5m
Spread 4.62 to 3.93m

T2,3 and 4 the trunks and canopies are very close together
Hight 12.4m could be reduced to 10.54m
Spread 9.24m down to 7.85m

T5 Hight 8.7m could be reduced to 7.23m
Spread 4.62m down to 3.93m

BUT the amount of reduction will be only to the last cut points the reductions shown above may be as much as given above.

Ellis Griffiths

From: Trees <trees@surreyheath.gov.uk>

Sent: 26 October 2023 16:44

To: [REDACTED] Trees <trees@surreyheath.gov.uk>

Cc: Cllr Richard Wilson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: RE: trees TWA/23/0246

Dear Mrs Griffiths

Apologies for having to come back to you again, but we do still require further clarification regarding the proposed tree works: it is not clear whether you are proposing a crown reduction or a crown thin: if it is a reduction in tree spread/height to previous growth points then this almost certainly a crown reduction along the lines outlined in our email below. As discussed previously, if your tree surgeon would like to get in touch with us directly and provide a written specification, along with measurements in metres (and a location plan of the trees to reflect the metre heights and spread), we will be able to progress the application for you.

You may find the attached Notes of assistance.

Kind regards

Trees – Planning Services

From: Ellis Griffiths <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 3:57 PM
To: Trees <trees@surreyheath.gov.uk>
Cc: Cllr Richard Wilson <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: trees

Hi Jane

Thanks for your reply

The measurements given are in feet and the 15% refers to crown thinning. In any event it is unlikely that the reduction would be as much as that. The tree surgeon will only cut back to the previous cut points which will probably be less than that. He won't know for certain until most of the leaves have fallen.

Regards

Ellis Griffiths

From: Trees <trees@surreyheath.gov.uk>
Sent: 26 October 2023 12:32
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: trees

Dear Mrs Griffiths

Thank you for providing this additional information – please could you just confirm that the trees are to be crown reduced, as shown by the following measurements below. A percentage (specified in your revised form as 15%) would usually indicate a crown thinning amount (rather than height and width reductions of the canopy).

If you are intending a crown reduction, then the measurements would be (based on a 15% crown reduction):

T1 – Current height: **25** (feet or metres?)
Final height (15% reduction): **21.25**

Current spread: **15** (feet or metres?)
Final spread (15% reduction): **12.75**

and so on for the remaining trees.

Please could you also confirm whether the measurements shown on the revised location plan are **in feet or metres** (we require these in metres)?

Kind regards

Trees – Planning Services

From: Ellis Griffiths <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 5:08 PM
To: Trees <trees@surreyheath.gov.uk>
Cc: Cllr Richard Wilson <[REDACTED]>
Subject: trees

Att. Jane Swann

Please find the planning document completed as requested. I hope it's all you need to get approval. Please let me know if you need any more info.

Thanks

Ellis Griffiths

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