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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

Suffix

Property Name

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Town/city

Postcode

Description of site location must be completed if postcode is not known:

Easting (x)	Northing (y)
<input type="text" value="381461"/>	<input type="text" value="275442"/>

**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

James

Surname

Turrell

Company Name

### Address

Address line 1

11 The Croft

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

Kidderminster

County

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

DY11 6LX

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes

No

### Contact Details

Primary number

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Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

## 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

  

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

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

Site plan and proposed works have been uploaded in a plan.

Tree surgen - Mitch Roberts has visited the property and provided the following advice;

English Yew;

- A mature tree in good health, but in very close proximity to the property and houses on Whitegate Road.
- Trees requires attention, with a number of dead branches which need to be removed.
- Thinning the tree will support new healthy growth.
- Thinning the tree, with protect it in strong winds from adverse weather.
- Tree is currently currently overhanging a large part of Whitegate Road.
- This trees close proximity to the aggressively growing neighbouring Birch tree, could affect the long-term health of this tree as it competes for space, lighth and nutrients.

Birch;

- These are adolescent trees, which are no longer suitable for a domestic garden.
- Their extremely close proximity to each other may impact on their health and start to deteriorate as a result, as they compete for space, light and nutrients. The consequence of this could be a visible deterioration, but also below ground, which could affect the stability of the tree without any warning signs and pose a significant safety risk.
- They are in extremely close proximity to the property and their roots pose a significant risk of damage to underground drainage for the property, but also properties of Whitegate Road as the main sewer and waterman runs under the road, within 3 metres of the trees.
- Recommend the removal of the tree's with a variant, which is more suitable for a domestic garden, such as prunus cherry and Sweetgum/liquid amber.
- Pose a significant risk to the long-term health of the English Yew tree.

## 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

English Yew Tree - Rebalancing and thinning canopy by approximately 30% or amount agreed with local authority.

- To support long-term health of tree, by supporting new growth and reducing risk of damage to tree in extreme weather.
- The tree currently significantly overhang's on Whitegate Road.

Removal of 3 x Birch trees and replace with a more suitable tree's for a domestic garden, such as Prunus cherry and sweet gum/liquid gum.

- To support the long-term health of the Mature English Yew tree.
- To protect the underground utilities, which serve the Property but also the residents of Whitegate Road.
- The objective of these tree's when planned by the developer in 2000, was to provide a screen for the residents of Whitegate Road. The 60ft height of these tree's mean that they no longer provide any coverage of our property from Whitegate Road. They now cause a significant loss of light for our Property and the houses on Whitegate Road, which will only increase further as the tree's reach a mature height of in excess of 100ft.
- Replacing the tree's with a more suitable domestic alternative, will ensure a better long-term screen is created of our property from Whitegate Road.
- We are committed to supporting the Wyre Forest carbon neutral program and as a result, we have installed a significant number of solar panels on the rear elevation of our property. The excessive height of the Birch tree's are estimated by our installer to reduce the efficiency of our panels by between 15% and 25%, which equates of approx 975kwh to 1,625kwh of lost clean energy every year.
- The long-term health of these tree's could be impacted based on their close proximity to each other, posing a significant safety risk, without any warning signs. A birch tree from no. 12 The Croft is located within 2 metres of one our birch trees, creating a potential risk for our neighbours which we would want to take action to avoid.
- Tree's were last pruned in January 2020 - Ref: 20/0012/Tree and have almost doubled in height since that time.

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) – Whole crown reduction to 12m above ground level, to provide sufficient clearance to property.

### 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 the questions answered, details provided, 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.

I/We also accept that, in accordance with the Planning Portal's terms and conditions:

- Once submitted, this information will be made available to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be published 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

James Turrell

Date

05/11/2023