



Maidstone Borough Council

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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)

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

Martin

Surname

Gent

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

Auckland Barn

Address line 2

Oast Court

Address line 3

Yalding

Town/City

County

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

ME18 6JY

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

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

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

Tree one (T1) Mountain Ash-fell

Tree two (T2)-sycamore-fell

Also shown

Tree three-large deciduous-Number 17-no work

Tree four-silver birch-no work

All trees were planted by developers at the time our property was converted around 30 years ago. The trees were planted as saplings but over the years have grown significantly. The trees are on a small strip of land/garden to the front of our property and are wholly inappropriate for their location.

1 The trees are woodland trees and will have further significant growth if left unmanaged. Both trees are within 4-5 m of the main dwelling and within 2m of the garage structure. They are oppressive, detract from the character of our property and pose a risk of damage thereto.

2 Due to positioning between structures the trees have limited visibility to others and thereby add no character to the area.

3 The trees are competing for space and branches overlap and overhang the roof thereby posing a risk of physical damage.

4 The trees are too close to the foundations of our property and pose a genuine risk from physical root action and/or subsidence (I am a chartered surveyor/subsidence expert). We have recently also experienced damage to underground drains.

5 Critically the presence of the trees is precluding our obtaining house insurance (the policies available have warranties restricting cover where trees are planted too close to the dwelling as in our case) and this is an untenable position as home insurance is vital.

6 The trees significantly block natural light to the dwellings thereby requiring the use of electrical lighting even during daylight which is environmentally unsatisfactory.

7 We are happy to consider replanting of a suitable species of tree within our rear garden where viable (this is also relatively small so tree species would need to be carefully considered).

8 T2 is on the boundary of ours and The Great Barn properties and agreement of our neighbours would be sought before work to this tree was undertaken

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

Martin Gent

Date

13/01/2024