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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

Mrs

First name

Rebecca

Surname

Whatman

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

Whisketts View

Address line 2

Lamberhurst Down

Address line 3

Town/City

Lamberhurst, Tunbridge Wells

County

Kent

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

Tn38hd

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes

No

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

***** REDACTED *****

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

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

Email from Steven Day at Earthworx dated 26 January

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 plan shows the property (Whisketts View). To the right of the house in the plan is the b2169 as shown with the red arrow. The house to the left of Whisketts View on the plan is Farthing cottage and then further to the left is Yew Tree Cottage - both of which are labelled. The plan also shows the lane on which the houses are on is "unnamed". There is also a compass showing the direction of north for reference

None of the trees which are part of the proposed works are subject to tree preservation order.

Details of proposed works using the numbers shown on the plan:-

Tree 1 (Magnolia tree) - proposed work to reduce Magnolia down to old prune points, & shape side branches (approximately 3 metres)

Tree 2 (field maple tree) -proposed work to reduce crown by a third and shape side branches (approximately 2 metres)

Tree 3 (cherry tree) - proposed work to reduce crown by 10% and shape side branches (approximately 1 metre). This is to prevent the tree eventually growing into a power cable

Tree 4 (hazel tree) - proposed work to reduce by approximately 3 metres to avoid any potential interference with a BT cable.

Tree 5 (oak tree) - this tree is outside our property boundary. It is owned by the Parish Council. The tree significantly overhangs our property by over 10 metres. The tree causes significant damage to our garden and patio and there are continuous branches falling into our garden (most recently a 10 foot branch which landed on our children's climbing frame). The tree poses a significant health and safety risk to us and our young children. We have put the parish council on notice of this risk on numerous occasions (firstly in September 2022) and their tree surgeon agreed that the tree was dangerous and needed significant reduction but this has not yet happened. The proposed works include reduction to the side branches which overhang our property only - by 4 metres approximately - and blending in with higher canopy. This will still leave a significant amount of branches overhanging our property.

Tree 6 (willow tree) - reduce tree by a third / half which is approximately 3/4 metres.

All proposed works to be carried out by a professional tree surgeon (Earthworx Landscaping).

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

Rebecca Whatman

Date

06/02/2024