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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

Garden Cottage

Address Line 1

Bovingdon Green

Address Line 2

Bovingdon

Address Line 3

Hertfordshire

Town/city

Hemel Hempstead

Postcode

HP3 0LD

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

Easting (x)

501186

Northing (y)

203052

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

Miss

First name

Kyna

Surname

O'Connor

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

Garden Cottage

Address line 2

Bovingdon Green

Address line 3

Town/City

Bovingdon

County

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

HP30LD

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

If Yes, you are required to provide for:

- **Subsidence** - A report by an engineer or surveyor, to include a description of damage, vegetation, monitoring data, soil, roots and repair proposals. Also a report from an arboriculturist to support the tree work proposals.
- **Other structural damage** (e.g. drains walls and hard surfaces) - Written technical evidence from an appropriate expert, including description of damage and possible solutions.

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

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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

We have over 50 beech trees in poor condition along one side of our property. These are approximately 14 metres in height and are rooted in a raised mound of earth. Bearing in mind beech trees are surface rooted we believe that they are in danger of blowing over causing damage to ours and our neighbours property and persons. (The trees are sited in very close proximity to ours and our neighbouring properties). There is also a possibility of the trees falling on to the road Bovingdon Green and therefore endangering the public.

These, along with a huge oak tree, cause a lot of damage to our property (we have glass lantern roof lights and velux windows) and potential risk of harm to health to us and our small children, i.e. falling branches, excessive leaves (which killed our lawn within 2 weeks while we were away this year) requiring daily clearance in autumn, blockage to gutters and drains, dirt and staining to paving and patio, excessive bird mess to many areas needing to be used by the children (creating health issues, especially if walked in, picked up or eaten by our young children), unable to maintain a lawn, previously newly laid in 2021.

We would like to remove the beech trees and replace with a more manageable alternative, so that we can enjoy privacy in our garden without the added stress and anxiety caused due to the issues listed above. We cannot use our garden at all as it is muddy in the winter and in the summer, we are trying to grow new grass, so therefore cannot be used then either. This impacts us as a family massively and is seriously affecting our mental health as we are stuck in our house when we could be using the garden.

Since our house is situated on a small plot with over 50 trees including a massive oak tree, as well as potentially falling over, the leaves that fall daily during autumn fill our two green waste bins daily. These bins are collected every 2 weeks so we have to dispose of these surplus leaves elsewhere at extra cost over and above what we pay to the council already.

We have added photos of our property in 2021 when new lawn was laid and also recent photos in Feb 2024 so you can see the damage caused by the massively excessive leaf fall on our property.

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

Kyna O'Connor

Date

18/02/2024