



Mr Stuart Tarrant
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Bracknell
Berkshire
RG42 6NA

22nd February 2024(ATR5Z)

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: 5 days Notification to work on protected trees

Under Section 198 (6)(a)of the Town & Country Planning Act

REFERENCE: 24/00028/TR5
DESCRIPTION: CONS AREA - Application to fell 1 tree
LOCATION: Apple Tree Cottage Winkfield Row Bracknell
CASE OFFICER: Phil Gritten (direct line 01344 351984)

Thank you for your notification dated 20.02.2024 to work on the above referenced trees. I have visited the site and confirm the following tree work may be carried out without further formality under Section 198 (6)(a)of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990. This Section of the Act provides for the removal of trees which are considered to be dead (Small branches or Small whole parts of the tree) or dangerous and the condition of the tree is such that it is considered to fall within this category.

01. Situation:

Further to receipt of a notification that T14 Oak of Tree Preservation Order (TPO) 1372 collapsed on 13th January 2024, the Tree Service has made a site visit and confirms that T14 has suffered catastrophic failure resulting in its destruction.

Conclusion

In accordance with section 206 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, the landowner/ notifier has a statutory duty to plant a replacement tree. The replanting obligation, unless otherwise agreed by in writing by this planning authority, must be fulfilled no later than the 31st of October 2024, and supports continuity of the protected landscape.

Replanting specification & conditions

The replacement tree must comply with the following minimum planting specification:

- English Oak 'Quercus robur'
 - planted within 2/3m of T14's original location
 - be 'container grown'
 - be 'Standard' form; minimum stem circumference of 8-10cm and a minimum height of 2.5m
 - BS 3936-1:1992 Nursery stock - part 1
 - BS 4428:1989 Code of practice for general landscaping operations
 - BS 8545:2014 Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape -
- Recommendations

As standard advice the council recommends an area of organic mulch is maintained around the base of the replacement, covering at least 1.5m in diameter, no deeper than 75-100mm deep and are watered appropriately throughout its establishment period of no less than 3years.

Should the replacement tree die, become badly diseased or damaged to the extent that its survival is compromised or is likely to prevent it from maturing into healthy, well-formed specimen, a further tree of the same minimum specification will be required to be planted in the same location following identification of any such issue, unless directed otherwise in writing by the Council. In such instance, it is the tree owner's duty to inform the Council when discovered.

Please note, under section 206(4) of the Town and Country planning Act 1990, the replacement tree is automatically protected under the same individual designation. Therefore, written consent is required from the Council to either remove, undertake any other work to it (however minor), or carry out any work near the tree that may adversely affect its condition (including the rooting environment).

The landowner is required to provide written confirmation and a picture of the replacement tree once planted, to allow Council records to be updated, and provide the Council opportunity to inspect the tree.

Informative(s)

01. Please note, a land charge has been placed on the subject property in respect of the statutory replanting obligation. To enable the charge to be removed, the landowner/ notifier will be required to provide confirmation that the replanting specifications have been observed and enacted. (To minimise any potential inconvenience, the Tree Service strongly encourages landowners to provide a series of clear photos, as the easiest way of concluding this process within the TPO legislation.

Current arboricultural standards recognises the application of wood-chip mulch, around the base of trees, as a simple cost effective way of improving and maintaining tree health. Some of the primary benefits to tree condition arises from decreased soil moisture evaporation, enriched soil nutrients and decreased soil compaction. Clean (pathogen free) mulch, applied

and maintained to depths of between 75-100mm improves vigour and vitality:
<https://www.trees.org.uk/Help-and-Advice>

You are required to advise us when the works are to be undertaken (by email to trees@bracknell-forest.gov.uk or by phone to 01344 354441). It helps us deal with any queries we may receive from concerned neighbors and the general public, who might be concerned about your work, but are not inclined or are unable to contact you directly for information.

The recipient of this grant of permission is required to provide a copy to the contractor carrying-out the work, prior to commencement.

Reason: To ensure only works, as permitted, are undertaken. Any works exceeding the permitted works will be subject to investigation by the Planning Authority.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully
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