

**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

Phil

Surname

Swanston

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

57 Hedge Place Road

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

Greenhithe

County

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

DA9 9JY

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

If Yes, you are required to provide written aboricultural advice or other diagnostic information from an appropriate expert.

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

1. Plan 57 Hedge Place Road; 2. Quote 5532; 3. Hedge Place Road - Photograph #1 (2023); 4. Hedge Place Road - Photograph #2 (2023); 5. Tree Preservation Order No.4 1988; 6. Hedge Place Road - Photograph #3 (2024); Hedge Place Road - Photograph #4 (2024); Hedge Place Road - Photograph #5 (2024); Hedge Place Road - Photograph #6 (2024)

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

Single Holm Oak Tree - Fully remove. The tree is situated on the boundaries of area A1 on the first schedule of Tree Preservation Order No.4 1988. The location of the tree is marked on the plan (Plan 57 Hedge Place Road) with a red cross in a circle - it is unclear whether the tree is inside or outside the boundary of area A1 on the drawing held within Tree Preservation Order No.4 1988.

The tree has a disease (leaf miner) and limbs are decaying. The advice of a tree surgeon was to remove now whilst it is safe to do so. There is no access to the back of the property for any mechanical aid, which means that it must be removed manually - this will not be possible if further limb decay occurs. The attached photographs show the level of disease (the disease can clearly be seen on each of the leaves) and the level of leaf drop (Holm Oak are evergreen trees and only diseased trees have 'significant' leaf drop).

The root system is systematically removing moisture from the surrounding garden - the grass on the property is dying further back each year, whilst in 2023 an apple tree was removed from its position in the back garden as it could no longer obtain enough moisture and had become unstable / unhealthy. The photographs show the desolation of the area under the tree - despite having the tree "lopped" to allow more sunlight to the area - there is no available moisture. There is also a cyclic pest problem that is caused periodically by the disease. The miner creates sap "leak" which first makes the area around the tree full of sticky falling sap / encouraging a large quantity of flying aphids to swarm the tree for several weeks / finally encouraging large quantities of wasps to gather around the tree feeding on the aphids. When this cycle occurs, the bottom of the property is a 'no-go area' for 5-6 weeks.

The tree also impacts gardens of 55 and 59 Hedge Place Road. The largest impact is to 59 Hedge Place Road due to location of the tree, length of the gardens (due to a WW2 bunker at the bottom of our garden, the garden of number 59 extends about 5m further), and the movement of the sun during the day. Effectively the sun is blocked from the bottom 25% off the garden of 59 from midday onwards, and this has restricted growth in their garden, which also receives high diseased leaf fall from the tree, and suffers from reduction of moisture in the ground. The residents of number 59 are supportive of the removal of the diseased tree. [For completion, we have not spoken to the owner of number 55 - who rents the house to tenants that regularly change].

To replace the single Holm Oak Tree, we propose to plant a single fruit bearing tree (native to UK) in the back garden of 57 Hedge Place Road, make a £350 donation to the Medway Tree Fund (which would fund planting of a single forest tree in a location of choosing of the fund), and make a £250 donation to the Planet Dartford scheme to support additional £25 Family Tree vouchers to be available for 2024.

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

Phil Swanston

Date

19/04/2024