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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	57
Suffix	
Property Name	
Address Line 1	First Avenue
Address Line 2	Offington
Address Line 3	West Sussex
Town/city	Worthing
Postcode	BN14 9NP

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

Easting (x)	514441	Northing (y)	105605
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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

Joe

Surname

Carter

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

57 First Avenue

Address line 2

Offington

Address line 3

Town/City

Worthing

County

West Sussex

Country

Postcode

BN14 9NP

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Applicant Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

Agent Details

Name/Company

Title

First name

Surname

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

County

Country

Postcode

Contact Details

Primary number

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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 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 arboricultural 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

Arboricultural Report

Property: 57 First Avenue

The trees in question are mature specimens that make a significant contribution to the local landscape. However, due to their age, size and close proximity to one another, they are now competing for available light, resulting in extended lateral growth predominantly towards the southern aspect. This has increased canopy weight and wind loading, particularly over the adjacent property. The proposed works are intended to establish an appropriate long-term management cycle, reducing the likelihood of branch failure whilst retaining the trees' amenity value.

T1 – Holm Oak (*Quercus ilex*)

The Holm Oak has an approximate current height of 20 metres and has previously been maintained by crown reduction.

It is proposed to reduce the overall height to approximately 16 metres, returning the crown to its previous management points. The eastern lateral canopy will be reduced by approximately 3–4 metres to rebalance the crown and lessen end-weight. The crown will also be lifted to approximately 5 metres above ground level, retaining the principal scaffold limbs to preserve the tree's natural form and structural integrity.

T2 – Turkey Oak (*Quercus cerris*)

The Turkey Oak is an impressive mature specimen with an approximate current height of 23 metres and remains an important landscape feature.

The proposed works comprise a sympathetic reduction of the upper crown by approximately 3 metres, together with a 3-metre reduction of the eastern lateral canopy to reduce wind loading and improve crown balance. The two lowest eastern limbs will be removed back to the main stem to provide suitable clearance from the adjacent building and improve long-term management.

T3 – Lime Tree (*Tilia* spp.)

The mature Lime Tree, which is currently supported by an existing cable brace to the Holm Oak, has an approximate height of 20 metres.

The proposed works are to reduce the overall height by approximately 4 metres and reduce the lateral canopy spread by approximately 2 metres. These works will lessen leverage on the stem and cable bracing system, reduce wind loading and encourage regeneration of a healthier, more compact crown.

Conclusion

The proposed works are considered proportionate and represent good arboricultural practice in accordance with BS 3998:2010 – Tree Work – Recommendations. The intention is not to alter the character of these mature trees but to return them to a sustainable management cycle, improving their long-term health and structural stability while reducing the risk of branch or limb failure that could affect the neighbouring property. The works will also encourage renewed internal growth and help maintain these important trees safely for many years to come.

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

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T1 – Holm Oak (*Quercus ilex*)

The Holm Oak has an approximate current height of 20 metres and has previously been maintained by crown reduction.

It is proposed to reduce the overall height to approximately 16 metres, returning the crown to its previous management points. The eastern lateral canopy will be reduced by approximately 3–4 metres to rebalance the crown and lessen end-weight. The crown will also be lifted to approximately 5 metres above ground level, retaining the principal scaffold limbs to preserve the tree's natural form and structural integrity.

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T3 – Lime Tree (*Tilia* spp.)

The mature Lime Tree, which is currently supported by an existing cable brace to the Holm Oak, has an approximate height of 20 metres.

The proposed works are to reduce the overall height by approximately 4 metres and reduce the lateral canopy spread by approximately 2 metres. These works will lessen leverage on the stem and cable bracing system, reduce wind loading and encourage regeneration of a healthier, more compact crown.

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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

Richard Moore

Date

29/07/2026