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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: 12

Suffix:

Property Name: Wildwood

Address Line 1: Links Road

Address Line 2: Offington

Address Line 3: West Sussex

Town/city: Worthing

Postcode: BN14 9QY

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

Easting (x): 513395

Northing (y): 105857

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

Patrick

Surname

Morey

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

31 Hurston Close

Address line 2

Worthing

Address line 3

Worthing

Town/City

WORTHING

County

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

BN140AX

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

◯ Yes
⊘ No

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED ******

Secondary number

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?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

Do you know the Tree Preservation Order reference number(s)?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

Please enter the title or number for each relevant Tree Preservation Order

Tree Preservation Order 1986 No. 7 Dated 19th May 1987

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
- [x] 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
- [x] No

Are you wishing to carry out works to tree(s) in a conservation area?

- [ ] Yes
- [x] 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')?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

If Yes, please provide the reference numbers of plans, documents, professional reports, photographs etc in support of your application

pdf file titled "Tree removal"
pdf file titled "Tree location"
pdf file titled "TPO 7 of 1986"
pdf file titled "Pine - dead branches and browning(dying) needles"
5 JPG files titled "Browning close up 1/2/3/4/5"
JPG file titled "View from alleyway showing overhang of dead branches"
JPG file titled "View from seating area showing overhang of dead branches"

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

Justification for removal of pine tree at Wildwood, Links Road, Worthing, BN14 5QY

Dated 15th March 2025
Author Patrick Morey

Overview

The pine tree situated in the south west corner of Wildwood, covered by TPO 7 of 1986, has reached end of life. This document provides detail to demonstrate that it is at end of life and has become dangerous requiring it to be removed.

Background

Wildwood is owned by Liz and Michael Hollywood. Michael has acute dementia and Liz is his primary carer. They are concerned about the safety of the pine tree but are unable to complete a planning application and so I, Patrick Morey of 31, Hurston Close, BN14 0AX, have agreed to fill out the application to have it removed. I contacted Paul Binson of Arboriscapes (07957 222435) who came and inspected the tree and provided advice about the need to remove the pine tree.

Tree location

The pine tree is located as shown in the pdf file “Tree location”. It is one of the trees referred to in TPO 7 of 1986 page 5 in area G3. The pdf file “TPO 7 of 1986” is a copy of the TPO. The map in the TPO was drawn up prior to Wildwood being built. Although the TPO refers to area G3 having 5 trees, when Mr. and Mrs. Hollywood moved in to Wildwood about 27 years ago there were only 2 trees, the pine and one beech.

Scope of works

Remove the whole tree above a stump between 15cm and 30cm above ground level. There is no plan to replace the pine tree as there is a well-established beech tree within 1.5m.

Justification for removal

1. Over the last 9 years at least. the pine tree has steadily lost needles throughout the year with no sign of significant fresh growth. Many of the needles still on the tree are turning brown. (see marked up photo attached as a pdf file titled “Pine – dead branches and browning(dying) needles” and 5 JPG files titled “Browning Close up 1 to 5”). Every day a significant number of dead needles can be found on the ground.
2. There are now many dead branches on the tree (see marked up photo referenced in 1 above).
3. Large pieces of the dead branches have started to fall into a regularly used seating area and an alleyway used by many dog walkers and golfers such that there is a real danger someone will be hit and injured at some point in time. (Please see the JPG files titled “View from seating area showing overhang of dead branches” and “View from alleyway showing overhang of dead branches”)
4. As a result of the steady die back of the tree the canopy is down to about 15%.
5. The pine tree is approximately 19m high. The distance to 31, Hurston close is approximately 17m. During high winds the main trunk can be seen to move. If the tree were to come down it could crash into the house.

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

If No, please provide the address of the owner (if known and if different from the tree location)

Name/Company

Title

***** REDACTED ******

First name

***** REDACTED ******

Surname

***** REDACTED ******

Company Name

Address

Number

Suffix

Property Name

Wildwood

Address line 1

Wildwood

Address line 2

Links Road

Address line 3

Town/City

Worthing

Postcode

BN14 9QY

Contact Details

Primary number

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

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

Patrick Morey

Date

15/03/2025