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TREE PRESERVATION ORDER (TPO) APPEAL FORM
The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 – SI No. 605, Regulation 19

Before completing this form please read "Guide for Appellants (Tree Preservation Orders – consents for works)"

WARNING **Your appeal must reach the Planning Inspectorate within 28 days from receipt of the decision against which you are appealing.**

Appeals received after the deadline will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances.

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A. APPELLANT

Name JOHN STUART COLWILL

Address 10 AMELIA CLOSE
SOUTHWICK
WEST SUSSEX

Postcode BN42 4AJ

Daytime Tel [redacted]

Email [redacted]

I prefer to be contacted by: Email ☑ Post ☐

B. AGENT: If acting on behalf of the appellant, you will be our main contact on all matters relating to this appeal and we will direct all queries and correspondence to you. It will be your responsibility to keep the appellant informed.

Name

Organisation

Address

Postcode

Daytime Tel

Email

I prefer to be contacted by: Email ☐ Post ☐

C. APPEAL SITE

Address where the appeal tree is (trees are) located:

11 AMELIA CLOSE, SOUTHWICK, WEST SUSSEX BN42 4AJ

Do you own the site: Yes ☐ No ☑

If no

1) give details of your interest in the site (eg tenant, neighbour): NEIGHBOUR

2) give the name and address (if different from the above) of the owner and/or occupier of the site. We will need to contact them to make arrangements for our Inspector to gain access to the site: ROB McFARLAND [redacted]
e-mail [redacted]

D. COUNCIL/DECISION

Council: ADUR DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Contact Name: GARY PECK Telephone Number: 01903 221065

Full title of tree preservation order (if known): 13.53/2/15 (SW)

Date of Council's decision (if applicable): 31/08/2017

E. APPEAL

Please tick only the relevant boxes.

I am appealing against:

The Council's refusal of consent	☑
The Council's failure to issue a decision (deemed refusal of consent)	☐
Condition(s) attached to the consent	☐
The Council's refusal to agree a matter that required their agreement under the terms of a condition of consent.	☐

F. GROUNDS OF APPEAL

Please provide at least one reason for each of the boxes you have ticked in section E. You must explain fully why you disagree with the council's decision, where one has been issued. To do this, you need to go through the reasons for the decision, and explain why you disagree. Only the reasons within the council's decision and the reasons put forward by you at application stage should be included on your appeal form. You should not introduce any new reasons for the appeal.

Your appeal should relate to the same works as those specified in your application to the council. Exceptionally we may be able to accept your appeal even if you are seeking a variation to the works originally applied for. We will only be able to do so if the changes do not materially alter the nature of the application and, if no one who should have been consulted about the proposed works would be prejudiced by our doing so. For instance, you may have originally applied for consent to crown thin a tree by reducing the percentage of leaf area by 20%, whereas on appeal you may seek a lesser reduction of 10%. However if on appeal you appear to be seeking more works than originally applied for, it is recommended that you submit a new application to the council rather than seek to amend your original application at appeal stage because the Inspector will not consider any works above those which were put forward in your application form.

Similar limitations apply in respect of the reasons you give for seeking consent, especially under the fast-track procedure where the council has no opportunity to respond to your grounds of appeal. The Inspector will only consider the matters that were before your council when the decision on your application was made. This means that if the reason you submitted on your application form was that the tree was causing overshadowing, you should not, on appeal make a claim that tree roots are causing subsidence. If you want to make a different case for the work applied for you should make a fresh application to the council.

We will also look at the original application to check that it clearly specifies the proposed work. If we decide that the works you have applied for are so vague that we cannot be sure how much work is involved, we may decide that the appeal is invalid and reject it. For example it is not sufficient to specify that you want to remove some of the lower branches, or you wish to reduce the tree by 15%. This is too vague and fails to indicate the extent of the works.

If you choose the recommended Fast Track appeal procedure (see section G) the reasons you set out below will be treated as your statement of case. It is important that you set them out in full because you will not get an opportunity to add to them later.

The decision on your appeal will take into account the contribution that the tree(s) make to the character and appearance of the area and the reasons set in support of your application/appeal. Please bear in mind that the Planning Inspectorate has no jurisdiction to resolve allegations of maladministration or complaints about the time taken by the Council to issue a decision, since such matters are not relevant to the merits of the proposal.

If you are appealing to fell a tree or against a condition requiring replacement planting please indicate the species and size of any tree(s) you would be prepared to plant if the appeal were to be allowed:

Number of trees and Species:

SUGGEST TWO TREES - BLACKTHORN OR SIMILAR (NATIVE)

Size: HEIGHT TO REACH 9-10 ft

SPREAD 6-8 ft.

F. GROUNDS OF APPEAL (cont)

THE APPLICATION WAS TO FELL AN EXTREMELY LARGE TREE IN AN EXTREMELY SMALL GARDEN, THAT OVERSHADOWS HOUSES 11-14 ANEMA CLOSE, AND TO REPLACE IT WITH TWO SMALLER NATIVE TREES, ALL AT THE EXPENSE OF THE RESIDENTS. THE TREE BLIGHTS THE LIFE OF RESIDENTS IN HOUSES 10-14, BLOCKING OUT SUNLIGHT AND DAYLIGHT ALL YEAR. THIS PREVENTS NORMAL ENJOYMENT OF A GARDEN, DETRITUS FROM THE TREE IS CONTINUAL, PREVENTING THE GROWTH OF FLOWERS ETC, THE LEAVES DO NOT ROT AND MUCH LIKE HOLLY LEAVES, ARE VERY SHARP

TWO YEARS AGO WE APPLIED FOR AND HAD APPROVAL TO REDUCE THE HUGE CANOPY AND TO REMOVE A LARGE BOUGH. THIS HELPED, SHORT TERM BUT MADE EVERYONE REALISE WHAT AN IMPROVEMENT LIGHT AND SUNSHINE CAN MAKE IN A GARDEN. THE TREE IS NOW GROWING THE CANOPY AGAIN, MUCH TO THE DISTRESS OF THE RESIDENTS.

THE APPLICATION WAS REFUSED, THE REASON - "IN THE INTEREST OF VISUAL AMENITY"

OUR NOT UNREASONABLE REASONS WERE IGNORED AND THE ONLY REASON GIVEN WAS AS ABOVE — VISUAL AMENITY.

THIS WE ALL FIND IMPOSSIBLE TO ACCEPT, HENCE THE APPEAL.

THE TREE IN QUESTION, BY ANY STANDARDS, IS UGLY AND GROSS. IT IS ONLY VISIBLE FROM WITHIN THE PUBLIC SOUTHWICK SQUARE GARDEN, THIS GARDEN IS FULL OF TREES INCLUDING MANY OTHER HOLM OAKS AND AS THE DIGITALLY ALTERED PHOTO SHOWS, TWO NATIVE TREES TO REPLACE THIS MONSTER HOLM OAK (NON-NATIVE), WOULD PROVIDE A MUCH ENHANCED VISUAL AMENITY.

ITS REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT WOULD GIVE SOME SIMPLE SMALL GARDEN PLEASURES TO THE RESIDENTS IN FIVE HOUSES, AND WOULD HAVE NO DETRIMENTAL EFFECT TO ANYONE IN THE VICINITY.

Please continue at section K or on a separate sheet if necessary

G. PROCEDURE – (See Section 9 of the Guide for Appellants before making your choice)

Appeals dealt with by the Fast Track procedure are usually decided more quickly than those which proceed through a hearing or a more formal local inquiry and because of this we recommend the Fast Track procedure.

However, if you or the Council ask to be heard by the Inspector we will organise a hearing which will take the form of a round table discussion. In very exceptional cases, where complex legal matters are at issue, a substantial number of third parties are involved and/or formal cross examination is warranted, we may decide to hold an inquiry.

Please tick one box only.

I wish my appeal to be decided through the Fast Track procedure ☐

I wish to appear and be heard by an Inspector ☑

H. SITE VISIT – Please note: no discussion about the merits of the case will take place during the site visit.

Are you willing for an Inspector to enter the site and conduct the visit unaccompanied?

Yes ☐ No ☑

If Yes, please give details below of anything the Inspector needs to know with regard to how to access the site:

If No, please outline below why this is not possible, why you need to be there or why you need to be represented during the Inspector's visit:

I CAN ARRANGE VIEWING FROM ANY OF THE AFFECTED HOUSES BY PRIOR AGREEMENT

Are there any Health and Safety concerns that the Inspector will need to be aware of prior to the site visit?

Yes ☑ No ☐

If Yes, please detail the concerns below:

BIRD DROPPINGS ARE EXTREME IN THE GARDEN OF No11

I. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

In support of your appeal form please send a copy of your application for consent and a copy of the Council's decision (where one has been issued).

Please tick the boxes to show which documents you are enclosing and list any other documents you are submitting in the space below. If you cannot send a copy of the tree preservation order – we will ask the Council to send a copy together with the relevant background papers.

I enclose:

1. A copy of my application for consent 1 ☐

   If you do not have a copy of your application please state the council's application reference number here (it should be stated on your decision if one was made):

   _____

2. A copy of the Council's decision (if one was issued) 2 ☐

N/A Mr. KEVIN GORDON

J. CONFIRMATION

DECLARATION

1. I understand that:

a) the Planning Inspectorate may use the information I have given for official purposes in connection with the processing of my appeal.
b) details from this form, including my name, the site description and reasons for making this appeal may appear on the Appeals Casework Portal.

By signing this form I am agreeing to the above use of the information I have provided.

2. I have completed all sections of the appeal form and confirm that the details are correct to the best of my knowledge.

3. I have sent a copy of this appeal form and enclosures to the Council.

Signature [redacted]

Date 09.11.2017

Name (in capitals) JOHN S. COLWILL

On behalf of (if applicable)

The gathering and subsequent processing of the personal data you give on this form accords with the terms of the Planning Inspectorate's registration under the Data Protection Act 1998. Our personal information charter can be found by following this link:
https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/planning-inspectorate/about/personal-information-charter

Please send the completed form and supporting documents to:

The Environment Appeals Team
Trees and Hedges
Room 3/25 Hawk Wing
Temple Quay House
2 The Square
Temple Quay
Bristol
BS1 6PN

Telephone: 0303 444 5584
or e-mail it to: environment.appeals@pins.gsi.gov.uk

What happens next:

1. You must send a copy of this completed form to the Council including copies of any supporting documents you send to us.
2. When we receive your appeal form we will check it against background documents supplied by the council before telling you whether your appeal is valid.
3. At the end of the appeal process we will send you the Inspector's decision, including the reasoning in writing.