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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

Suffix

Property Name

6 Rooksacre Cottages

Address Line 1

West Street

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

West Sussex

Town/city

Sompting

Postcode

BN15 0AX

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

Easting (x)

515922

Northing (y)

105222

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

Fraser

Surname

Addiscott-Black

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

6 Rooks Acre Cottages

Address line 2

West Street

Address line 3

Sompting

Town/City

Lancing

County

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

BN15 0AX

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?

◯ 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

Sketch and photos

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

Hazel Tree. I am seeking approval to fell a dangerous tree on our property. We have lived in the property since June 2021 and have been trying to maintain the tree to ensure that its branches, which grow at a considerable rate in the spring and summer months, do not obstruct the view of the road from our drive.

However, as the tree has multiple 'trunks' and leaf growth from the ground up, it has proved very difficult to train it. As I'm sure you know, West Street is a busy road and more so due to work on the A27 and new properties that are being constructed along the road. As you will see from the attached photos, visibility coming off the drive by car is significantly impaired, and is creating a risk to us as well as pedestrians and other vehicles.

I have a mobility disability which restricts my movement, and this means it is difficult to constantly trim back the tree. Speaking to our neighbours, the tree was planted quite recently, and was originally intended as a shrub, but as the previous owners did not adequately maintain it, the tree had grown significantly in both height and width.

My proposal to you would be to remove this obstructive tree and replace it with one or two single-trunked trees at a location in the front garden that will not create a safety issue. Since purchasing the property we have undertaken extensive renovations, including extensive repairs to flint walls, sympathetic to the age and style of the property, and the front garden/driveway is the final part of our project. We would therefore appreciate advice as soon as possible as we hope to begin this work in the near future. If you agree, I would be very happy to take advice on what would be an appropriate indigenous tree to plant.

I fully recognise the importance of preserving and nurturing trees in the area to support wildlife and the ecosystem, and as such, we have significantly improved the rear of the property, planting trees and other flora, which has encouraged wildlife back into our garden.

I look forward to hearing from you, and would be happy to discuss any of this, or arrange for you to visit should you wish.

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)?

- [x] 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
- [x] 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.

- [x] I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

Fraser Addiscott-Black

Date

03/06/2024