

# Development Management

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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

## 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.

### 1. Trees Location

Number	<input type="text"/>
Suffix	<input type="text"/>
Property name	Tennis Courts 39m From Brookmans Park Golf Club, In Brookmans Park, 33m From Unnamed Road
Address line 1	Golf Club Road
Address line 2	Brookmans Park
Address line 3	<input type="text"/>
Town/city	Hatfield
Postcode	AL9 7AX

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')

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Description

### 2. Applicant Details

Title	Mr
First name	David
Surname	Whiskerd
Company name	<input type="text"/>
Address line 1	121
Address line 2	Moffats Lane
Address line 3	Brookmans Park

## 2. Applicant Details

Town/city	<input type="text" value="Hatfield"/>
Country	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text" value="AL9 7RP"/>
Primary number	<input type="text"/>
Secondary number	<input type="text"/>
Fax number	<input type="text"/>
Email address	<input type="text"/>

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?  Yes  No

## 3. Agent Details

No Agent details were submitted for this application

## 4. What Are You Applying For?

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

## 5. 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.

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 help 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) - fell because of excessive shading and low amenity value. Replant with one standard ash in same position.

Adjacent to the Brookmans Park Tennis Club courts is an area of protected woodland containing several oak trees. Over the years the canopies of these trees have grown out over the courts, causing a significant quantity of leaves and other debris to fall on to the playing area. In spite of our best cleaning and maintenance efforts, this material has over the years worked its way into the courts and caused the development of moss and algae which has caused the courts to become dangerous and to deteriorate in condition.

We have now replaced the court surfaces at considerable expense and wish to prevent a repetition of the previous damage by reducing the canopy and overhang of two of the oak trees within the area covered by the TPO. We estimate that a reduction of 30% in the height and canopy size of these trees would achieve the desired objective without detracting to their shape and general health. I have recently employed a local qualified tree surgeon to undertake other TPO related work in Brookmans Park - Brookmans Park Tree Surgery - and would propose to use them again if our application were successful. The two trees in question are located within TPO14 A1 as shown on the attached schematic obtained from your offices. I have identified the specific location of these trees on the separate sketch and have also attached photographs showing their location within the designated TPO zone and in relation to the courts.

## 6. Trees - Additional Information

### For all trees

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.

### For works to trees covered by a TPO

**Please note: If none of the proposed work involves trees covered by a TPO, please answer 'No' to the two questions below**

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).

## 6. Trees - Additional Information

1. 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.

2. Alleged damage to property - e.g. subsidence or damage to drains or drives.  Yes  No

If Yes, you are required to provide for:

- Subsidence: A report by an engineer or surveyor (to include a description of damage, vegetation, monitoring data, soil, roots and repair proposals) and a report from an arboriculturist to support the tree work proposals.

- Other structural damage (e.g. drains walls and hard surfaces): Written technical evidence from an appropriate expert, including description of damage and possible solutions.

### Documents and plans (for any tree)

Are you providing additional information in support of your application (e.g. an additional schedule of work for question 'Identification of Tree(s) and Description of Works')?  Yes  No

## 7. 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:

First name:

Surname:

Company name:

### Address

Number

Suffix

Property name

Address line 1

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/city

Postcode

### Contact Details

Primary number

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

## 8. Tree Preservation Order Details

If you know which TPO protects the tree(s), enter its title or number

## 9. 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.

Yes  No

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?

## 10. Trees - Declaration

I/we hereby apply for planning permission/consent as described in this form 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.

Date (cannot be pre-application)

13/04/2021