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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

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Town/city

Postcode

Easting (x)

Northing (y)

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

Ms

First name

Susie

Surname

Mitchell

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

15 Sherrardspark Road

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

Welwyn Garden City

County

Hertfordshire

Country

Postcode

AL8 7JW

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes

No

Contact Details

Primary number

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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

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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

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

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

T1 1 x Oak to dismantle in sections to ground level using specialist rigging techniques, lowering branches to the ground in a safe manner - This tree has been historically harshly pruned leading to large decaying topping cuts with multiple growth points with poor attachments. The lower trunk has a multitude of 'D' shaped exit holes, symptomatic of the Oak Buprestid Beetle. Also on the lower trunk underneath the 'D' shaped holes is a large area of hollow bark. Exudations are apparent in a number of locations, with all of the above in mind Acute Oak Decline could be a contributory factor. It is prevalent within Welwyn Garden City and was a contributory factor in the decline of both Oaks out on Sherrarrds Park Road only a few hundred yards away.

Between multiple buttresses of the Oak was an unidentifiable fungus, thought to be Grifola Frondosa. Often seen on mature Oaks at the buttress level which is known to lead to simultaneous white rot and structural failure.

T2 1 x Oak to reduce by approximately 3m in height and 3m in width, remove major deadwood consisting of branches greater than 30mm in diameter and 500mm in length - This is a tall slender Oak sitting above some of the neighbouring trees that have previously been reduced. The client would like to bring the tree in line with others whilst also allowing more light into the lower shrub bed and garden area. With a wall of trees on Scholars mews this extra light would be extremely beneficial. I believe these works to be inline with consented works to neighbouring trees.

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 this form and 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 options of the persons giving them. I / We also accept that: Once submitted, this information will be transmitted to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be made available 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

Kate Ryan

Date

16/01/2023