

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" value="76"/>
Suffix	<input type="text"/>
Property name	<input type="text"/>
Address line 1	<input type="text" value="Brockswood Lane"/>
Address line 2	<input type="text"/>
Address line 3	<input type="text"/>
Town/city	<input type="text" value="Welwyn Garden City"/>
Postcode	<input type="text" value="AL8 7BQ"/>

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')

Easting (x)	<input type="text" value="522794"/>
Northing (y)	<input type="text" value="213413"/>

Description

2. Applicant Details

Title	<input type="text"/>
First name	<input type="text" value="Stuart"/>
Surname	<input type="text" value="Pendell"/>
Company name	<input type="text"/>
Address line 1	<input type="text" value="76, Brockswood Lane"/>
Address line 2	<input type="text"/>
Address line 3	<input type="text"/>

2. Applicant Details

Town/city	<input type="text" value="Welwyn Garden City"/>
Country	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text" value="AL8 7BQ"/>
Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Primary number	<input type="text"/>
Secondary number	<input type="text"/>
Fax number	<input type="text"/>
Email address	<input type="text"/>

3. Agent Details

No Agent details were submitted for this application

4. 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

Do you know the Tree Preservation Order reference number(s) Yes No

For works to trees covered by a TPO

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).

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

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 question 'Identification of Tree(s) and Description of Works')? 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.

5. Identification of Tree(s) and Description of Works

1. Hawthorn (crataegus monogyna). It is dead. See map - this is tree number 1.

2. Hazel (corylus avellana). It is protruding into the road and given there is no pathway running by the road, all pedestrian traffic is compromised by this tree. Its main trunk is buried into our hedge (which runs along Brockswood lane) but the branches are excessive and protruding into the road. And the excessive size of the trunk of the tree (relative to the hedge), is compromising my ability to maintain the hedge (which is my duty - given the public side of the hedge runs along Brockswood Lane and there is no pedestrian pathway). See map - this is tree number 2.

3. Hornbeam. We were given permission in 2015 to remove this tree (reference: W6/2015/0538/TE) given the angle it was leaning at / had slipped to. However, I really wanted to avoid taking this tree down, despite being granted permission, as I hoped the angle slippage would stop and remain acceptable. Hence, I left this tree in situ during the duration of the granted permission but unfortunately, this has not happened: the tree has slipped / slumped further and is now at a dangerous angle. This is at the rear of my property and angled into my garden. Therefore, despite my best intention to save this tree, it is now dangerous and needs removing. Please do refer to the previous successful application (which has now elapsed) for further detail. A site inspection occurred by one of your officers at the time of application - so I am sure you would have notes on this matter. See map - this is tree number 3.

Please do note that my property contains multiple trees (I would estimate 40-50 trees) within an area of approx 0.9 acres. As such, I do not intend to replant any of the three trees described above, as (1) this application reflects a small fraction of the trees contained within my property; (2) the application is related to 'dead or dangerous' category and (3) is in no way for any sort of cosmetic effect. In fact, I go out of my way to try to preserve / avoid the need to apply for any tree removals.

I am attaching a 1:1250 map (as requested) and a hand-drawn map to help display the location of these three trees.

Thank you.

6. Tree Ownership

Is the applicant the owner of the tree(s)?

Yes No

7. 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?

8. 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)

18/06/2020