Horsham District Council

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

Gatewick

Address Line 1

Church Lane

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

West Sussex

Town/city

Steyning

Postcode

BN44 3RS

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

Easting (x)

517882

Northing (y)

111491

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

Guy

Surname

Sanderson

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

Gatewick House

Address line 2

Church Lane

Address line 3

Town/City

Steyning

County

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

BN44 3RS

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

◯ Yes
⊘ No

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED ******

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

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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

If Yes, please provide the reference numbers of plans, documents, professional reports, photographs etc in support of your application

Document 1 Location Map of trees for which there is planned work
Document 2 - Photo of Paddock trees
Document 3 - Photo of Paddock trees
Document 4 - Photo of self-sown trees blocking gate
Document 5 - Photo showing embedded barbed wire
Document 6 - Photo showing lean on catalpa and block on yew
Document 7 - Photo showing rotten basal plate of catalpa
Document 8 - Photo showing disease and death in chestnut

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

This notification of works has been prepared in following the first recorded full tree health and safety survey carried out at Gatewick. The report was produced by Bernie Harverson, an independent arboricultural consultant of 10 Southleigh Grove, Hayling Island, Hampshire PO11 0SH.

Bernie holds a national Diploma in Arboriculture and has fifty-three (53) years of practical and managerial experience in the arboricultural industry including periods in both the public and private sectors. His Local Government experience comprises one year as a tree surgeon with Brighton Parks and 9 years spent in Arboricultural Officer posts with both Westminster and Portsmouth City Council

None of the trees are protected by a TPO and all have structural weaknesses. The trees are submitted together as they affect neighbours. All felled trees will be replaced.

1) Six ilex acquifolium (3a and 3b on plan).

Diameter between 100 and 150mm; Height - 4.5m average.

Directly abutting the southern flint wall where they have not been maintained and have grown through the barbed wire which has become entangled in their trunks (see photo). Some branches overhang graves and crowns are sparse.

Planned works: To reduce to below the barbed wire to counter the weakness caused by the embedded barbed wire and to fill out as a hedge level with the height of the wall.

New planting: Additional 20 ilex acquifolium will be planted to form a dense hedgerow for the benefit of wildlife.

2) Catalpa Bignoides (1 on plan).

Diameter 380mm ; Height - 8m . Grade D

The basal area is undermined by extensive fungal decay visible in an open cavity (see photo submitted). Has failed in storms and fallen to the east side and rests in the crown of the adjacent yew tree. Overall, very poor condition.

Planned works: Removed and grub out roots given suspected honey fungus in the area

New planting: Replant with new tree 1 x aesculus indica

3) Taxus Baccata (2 on plan).

Diameter 250mm; Height - 5m .

Condition/Reason for works: Bifurcated trunk and low branching habit, some deadwood. Misshapen from Catalpa that has fallen into it.

Planned works: Trim to return to regular shape

New planting: Not required as not removing, but will be planting additional tree: 1 x ulmus lutece on other side of gate

4) Castanea sativa (4 on plan).

Diameter 500mm; Height - 6m. Grade D

Condition/Reason for works: Significant dieback and delamination of bark on main trunk typical of Chestnut Blight Cryphonectria parasitica. Eastern half of tree is dead and western half had browned and crinkled leaves typical of Chestnut Blight. See photo

Planned works: Remove for health and safety and sanitation reasons. Stump will be ground out to remove food source in view of suspected Honey Fungus presence in this area. All arisings and chippings are to be burnt on site and not transported away for sanitation reasons to confine infection to this site.

New planting: Will replace with 1x Gymnocladus Dioica

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.

☑ I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

Guy Sanderson

Date

09/10/2024