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

***** 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?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

Do you know the Tree Preservation Order reference number(s)?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

Please enter the title or number for each relevant Tree Preservation Order

TPO 0391/T43 to T47
TPO 0391/T54
TPO 0391/T63
TPO 0391/T14
TPO 0391/T16
TPO 0391/T18

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).

Condition of the tree(s) - e.g. it is diseased or you have fears that it might break or fall

- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

Alleged damage to property - e.g. subsidence or damage to drains or drives.

- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

Are you wishing to carry out works to tree(s) in a conservation area?

- [x] 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')?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

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

Site Map - Document one
Arboricultural report - Document two

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

Advice has been sought from Bernie Harverson, an independent arboricultural consultant based at 10 Southleigh Grove, Hayling Island, Hampshire PO11 0SH. The tree conditions and requests are based on his recommendations.

Bernie holds the following arboricultural qualification – National Diploma in Arboriculture (Royal Forestry Society) 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 sector experience comprises one year as a tree surgeon with Brighton Parks and nine years spent in Arboricultural Officer posts with both Westminster City Council and Portsmouth City Council

TPO and requested works have been kept to a minium and are to allow access of parishioners using the adjacent graveyard and where trees are now crowded out by stronger, more important and more dominant trees:

1) TP0391/ T43-47 Tilia Platyphyllos and Fagus Sylvatica purpurea. Group of mature trees approx 24m tall, with diameter varying from 650 to 1000mm. All grade A trees

Request permission to crown lift the trees to a height of 4m from the drive to clear both the churchyard and main access to house, allowing parishioners to access graves more easily. Shortening low level branches below 4m, making cuts adjacent to living growth points to achieve an upswept form and encourage new growth in this direction.

2) TPO391/T54 Fagus svylvatica purpurea. Height 21m. Diameter 750mm. Grade B tree. Crown shape is dominated by nearby ash and leans out.

Request permission to lightly prune back the crown from adjacent Liriodendron tulipifera to allow proper development of this tree.

3) TPO391/T63 Group of Populus x euroamericana. Height 30m+ Diameter 300-600mm. Mostly single-stemmed trees with merged crowns.

Request permission to remove two low attenuated limbs

4) TPO391/T14 - sorbus intermedia. Height 9m, diameter 330mm Grade C tree. Crown supressed and dominated to the north and north east by neighbouring dominant beech tree (itself listed - TPO391/T7) and Cedrus atlantica, which will outgrown this sorbus. Already extensive deadwood through crown caused by overcrowding.

Request permission to fell and replace with either a cercis canadensis in open space along boundary wall with Shooting Field Lane in order to give space for remaining trees and to provide interest along the boundary

5) TPO391/T16, T18 and T20 Acer platanoides. Height 12m and 15m. Diameter 300m and 450m. Grade D trees. Crowns have extensive dieback and squirrel browsing throughout; low crown density and flattened form as crowns are suppressed and cramped for space. Extensive deadwood and diebackTrees have low vigour and vitality

Request permission to remove these three trees for the benefit of the fagus sylvaticas and Grinkgo bilboa nearby nearby. To be replanted with 1 fagus syvatica asplenifolia 10m away and another acer in open space in the paddock

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

07/10/2024