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

Broom Cottage

Address Line 1

Sunset Lane

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

West Sussex

Town/city

West Chiltington

Postcode

RH20 2NY

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

Easting (x)

508317

Northing (y)

116398

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

Dr

First name

Stephen

Surname

Pike

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

Broom Cottage

Address line 2

Sunset Lane,West Chiltington

Address line 3

Town/City

Pulborough

County

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

RH20 2NY

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

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

Broom Cottage has four apple trees in the back garden (T1-T4 identified on plan attached) that have not been pruned for three years. These now require maintenance and renovation pruning. We propose to follow RHS guidance. All work will be carried out by a qualified tree surgeon whom we have used many times before.
RHS guidance recommends no greater than a 25% reduction in canopy per year.
T3 (20 ft height) and T4 (15 ft height) are medium sized apple trees in the centre of the lawn, They have not had excessive growth in the last three years and require only maintenance pruning. This would be a maximum of 2-4 feet cutting of branches.
T2 is a large apple tree of 25-30 ft height. It benefits from good soil moisture and therefore has had moderate growth over the past 3 years. A maximum 25% reduction of canopy as per RHS guidance would mean a branch reduction of 4-5ft in some areas.
T1 is a very large apple tree of 40-50 ft height that produces a large amount of high quality fruit. It benefits from being adjacent to the compost heap and benefits from good soil moisture. This has led to excessive growth over the past three years. The aim would be for a maximum 25% reduction in canopy this year as per RHS guidance but will require further work in subsequent years. This could mean a branch reduction of 7-8ft in some areas.

This work should be carried out in the winter and was due to be carried out this week. As we are now in a conservation area I contacted the very helpful arboricultural officer at HDC who informed me that even though this was pruning of apple trees that as the trunks were greater than 7.5cm that planning authorisation from HDC was required before the work commenced. We are running out of time for this year and I would be grateful for an early decision.

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
⊘ 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

Stephen Pike

Date

29/01/2025