

Supporting Statement – TPO Cedar Tree Works

Silver Birches, 18 Winterpit Close, Mannings Heath, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 6JY

Application	TPO Cedar Tree Works – Silver Birches, 18 Winterpit Close
Tree	1 x Cedar in front garden / driveway area
Previous application	DC/20/0888 – Surgery to 1 x Cedar
Previous decision	Permitted 13 July 2020
Previous Planning Portal reference	PP-08714670

1. Background

This application relates to the protected Cedar situated prominently within the front garden of the property, adjacent to the main vehicle parking/driveway area. The same tree was the subject of Horsham District Council application DC/20/0888 in 2020.

Under DC/20/0888, consent was granted for a crown reduction and associated pruning. Horsham District Council considered a reduction of up to 3 metres in height to be reasonable and concluded that the approved works would not have a detrimental effect on the tree's high level of amenity value.

2. Proposed Works

Following regrowth since the previously consented works, consent is sought to undertake a further crown reduction to maintain the Cedar at an appropriate size and balanced natural form.

- Reduce the height by up to no more than 3 metres, pruning back to suitable growth points.
- Reduce lateral spread on the southern and eastern sides by up to no more than 2 metres, pruning back to suitable growth points to balance the crown.
- Reduce lateral spread on the western side by up to no more than 1 metre, pruning back to suitable growth points to balance the crown.
- Reduce lateral spread on the northern side by up to no more than 1.5 metres, pruning back to suitable growth points to balance the crown.
- All works to be undertaken in accordance with BS 3998:2010 Recommendations for Tree Work.

3. Reasons for the Works

The proposed works are intended to manage regrowth following the previously approved crown reduction, while retaining the tree and maintaining a balanced and natural crown form. The tree occupies a prominent position at the front of the property, immediately adjacent to the main driveway/vehicle parking area and close to the neighbouring property.

The proposed specification closely follows the limits previously considered acceptable by Horsham District Council under DC/20/0888. The intention is ongoing management of the existing protected tree rather than its removal.

4. Previous Consent

Horsham District Council permitted application DC/20/0888 on 13 July 2020. The approved specification included a height reduction of up to 3 metres and differing lateral reductions on each side of the crown to maintain its natural form and balance. The Council's assessment concluded that the works were reasonable and justified and would not harm the character and amenities of the locality.

5. Tree Location

The Cedar is located within the front garden/driveway area of Silver Birches, 18 Winterpit Close. A tree location plan should be uploaded separately with the application, clearly marking the Cedar.

6. Supporting Documents

- Current photographs of the Cedar and its relationship to the driveway/property.
- Tree location/sketch plan clearly identifying the Cedar.
- This supporting statement.
- Any current tree surgeon/arboricultural specification or report, if available.

Important: This statement assumes the current proposal is to broadly repeat the crown-reduction specification previously approved under DC/20/0888. If a tree surgeon recommends different dimensions, removal, or works based on tree condition/damage, the specification and supporting evidence should be updated before submission.