Application for works to Oak Tree T7 & 2 Hazels in Hedge G2 of TPO ref 0580/1989 – October 2026
31 Earles Meadow, Horsham RH12 4HP

Background

31 Earles Meadow (EM) is a detached dwelling, developed in the early 1990s (NH/90/91) in a residential development of 90 houses. It has neighbours either side and behind (no.29EM).

In the garden, oak tree (T7) and mixed species hedge (G2) are protected under TPO 0580/1989 (attached). The Order was in place prior to the residential development of the estate. Works have been approved to T7 before, most recently under references DC/19/1820 & DC/23/0148 and hedge G2 has an approved maintenance programme in place under DC/19/1826. All previous approved works to T7 and G2 have been carried out conservatively to ensure good health and longevity.

Photographs of T7 and G2 are attached separately.

The Application

For works to T7 comprising:

a. removal of epicormic growth

b. reduction of tree by 1m, including of overhanging branches of neighbours' property to rear (no. 29 EM)

c. removal of dead wood

For works to G2 at the side of the house comprising:

d. reduction of one hazel to fence height

e. removal of front section of second hazel stool

Oak T7

The removal of the epicormic growth will allow more light into our garden which is south-west facing and the tree is on the southern side. Some existing rearmost branches overhang the neighbours' property and in particular their greenhouse. The proposed reduction of the tree by 1m will reduce the risk of damage to their property from debris and acorns and also allow more light into our garden.

Hedge G2

The boundary hedge is due to have maintenance works carried out in spring 2027 (in accordance with the agreed programme approved by DC/19/1826). This will be carried out before the bird nesting season begins on 1st March and will include reducing the laurel growth over the pavement at the front of the property, removal of dead wood and reducing its height.

It is intended at the same time to reduce two hazels on the top edge of the far bank to the side of the house as some branches are leaning towards it. It is intended that one of the hazels is reduced to fence height (1.8m). The other will have the front section of the stool removed to encourage new growth behind. Both are shown in the photographs. The overall continuous linear form of the hedge will however remain.

The proposed works have been reviewed by the tree surgeon we use, Matthew Bell, now of Branching Out Arboriculture Ltd. who is an arb approved contractor.

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