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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

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Town/city

Postcode

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

Easting (x)

Northing (y)

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

Sammy

Surname

Cole

Company Name

Thames Valley Arborists

Address

Address line 1

33 Trinder Road

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

Wokingham

County

Berkshire

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

RG41 1BH

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Applicant Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

Agent Details

Name/Company

Title

First name

Surname

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

Address line 2

Address line 3

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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

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

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

TPO No.1891.2022

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

☐ No

If Yes, you are required to provide written aboricultural advice or other diagnostic information from an appropriate expert.

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

☐ 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

Proposed Works

Complete removal (felling to near ground level) of four Scots Pine trees (T1–T4).

Stumps will be removed or ground out where practicable to prevent continued structural damage to the driveway and surrounding hardstanding surfaces.

All works will be carried out in accordance with:

- Town and Country Planning Act 1990
- Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012
- BS3998:2010 Tree Work – Recommendations

Arboricultural Justification for Works

Structural Damage to Property

The root systems of the identified Scots Pine trees have extended beneath the block paving driveway and are actively causing ground heave and displacement of paving blocks.

This has resulted in:

- Significant uplift of the driveway surface
- Displacement of block paving
- Progressive structural damage to the driveway infrastructure

Under common law principles relating to actionable nuisance and encroaching tree roots, landowners are entitled to take reasonable action where tree roots are causing demonstrable damage to property structures.

Health and Safety Risk

The uplifted block paving has created uneven ground levels and a serious trip hazard.

The landowner has already tripped on the displaced paving and sustained injury, demonstrating a clear and foreseeable risk to the safety of occupants and visitors.

Maintaining the trees in their current position will likely exacerbate the hazard as root growth continues.

In accordance with the Occupiers' Liability Act 1957, property owners have a duty of care to ensure their premises are reasonably safe for lawful visitors.

Tree Suppression and Poor Form

Trees T3 and T4 are experiencing significant suppression due to close proximity to neighbouring pines within the group.

This has resulted in:

- Reduced crown development
- Poor structural form
- Reduced long-term arboricultural value

Removal of the suppressed trees will improve growing conditions and spatial balance for the remaining protected trees.

Site Constraints and Root Impact

The trees are located immediately adjacent to the driveway entrance and primary access area to the property.

Due to the proximity of the trees to the hardstanding surfaces, the root systems will continue to cause structural displacement and damage to the driveway if left unmanaged.

Additional Supporting Information

The Tree Preservation Order covering these trees was confirmed in 2022.

Since that time, the root systems have expanded and the structural impact on the driveway has significantly worsened, now presenting a genuine health and safety concern.

A site sketch has been submitted identifying T1–T4 within the group of seven protected trees.

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Please identify the tree(s) and provide a full and clear specification of the works you want to carry out

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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)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

If No, please provide the address of the owner (if known and if different from the tree location)

Name/Company

Title

***** REDACTED *****

First name

***** REDACTED *****

Surname

***** REDACTED *****

Company Name

***** REDACTED *****

Address

Number		Suffix	
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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

Sam Cole

Date

27/03/2026