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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

4

Suffix

C

Property Name

Address Line 1

Crescent Road

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Wokingham

Town/city

Wokingham

Postcode

RG40 2DB

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

Easting (x)

481420

Northing (y)

168371

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

Christopher

Surname

Gee

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

4C Crescent Road

Address line 2

Crescent Road

Address line 3

Town/City

Wokingham

County

Country

Postcode

RG40 2DB

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Contact Details

Primary number

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Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

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

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

Plan 1 - Sketch plan clearly showing the position of trees
Photograph 1 - View of Yew and Portuguese Laurel facing towards 6 Crescent Road
Photograph 2 - View of Yew and Portuguese Laurel facing towards 4C Crescent Road
Photograph 3 - View of Yew and Portuguese Laurel facing away from 4C Crescent Road
Report 1 - Reason for Removal of Two Trees in the Front Garden of 4C Crescent Road and Description of New Planting Scheme

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

Two trees (1 x Yew and 1 x Portuguese Laurel) in the front garden of 4C Crescent Road will be replaced with three new ones. The existing trees are to be removed for the following reasons:-

- Unsuitable in terms of habit, too large at ultimate height and now too close to the cables belonging to the care home at number 6;
- the two trees are immediately adjacent to each other and they are now entangled;
- They have been planted too close to the fence and are unsuitable in terms of spread; they have partly destroyed the fence.

Furthermore, the trees have been planted in a raised bed. This is not sensible because the land at 4c Crescent Road is higher than 6 Crescent Road so the bed is well above the natural height of the adjacent land and needs to be retained; the retainer is also bending out of shape. The border redesign will reduce the height of the raised bed so that it doesn't require so much retention.

The bed will also be reduced in size and the shape altered as it has been destroyed by careless deliveries and, in any case, has reached the end of its natural life. The front gravel section that remains will be planted with a mix of plants good for wildlife, such as lavender) and kept very low (no more than 1m). The trees will be underplanted with spring and autumn flowering bulbs.

Proposed planting scheme

The trees removed will be replaced with those recommended by the Woodland Trust/RHS/Gardener's World as excellent for insects and bird life. Depending on availability, three of the following will be planted.

Please note that one of the trees below is a replacement for the Leylandii removed under PA201097 (tree 2) which does not appear to have been replaced. Three of the following will be chosen:-

Crab Apple
Rowan
Blackthorn
Hawthorn
Goat or pussy willow

The trees will be "half standard" or "standard" size (1.8 – 3 metres tall) at time of planting, in accordance with British Standard 3936: Nursery stock specifications for trees and shrubs.

Trees with fruit that drops freely will be kept away from the pavement.

The trees will be planted in accordance with British Standard 8545:2014 Trees - from nursery to independence in the landscape.

The trees will be planted in the planting season, November 20203 to March 2024, unless container-grown; the latter will not be planted in periods of drought.

The Council will be informed when the replacements have been made.

Christopher Gee

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

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

Christopher Gee

Date

24/08/2024