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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

309

Suffix

Property Name

Address Line 1

Nine Mile Ride

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Wokingham

Town/city

Finchampstead

Postcode

RG40 3NL

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

Easting (x)

480943

Northing (y)

165091

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

Adrian

Surname

Chappell

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

309 Nine Mile Ride

Address line 2

Finchampstead

Address line 3

Wokingham

Town/City

Wokingham

County

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

RG40 3NL

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Applicant Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

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

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

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

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

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

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

001 - provides a Location Plan
002 - photographs demonstrating abnormal growth
003 - provides owner commentary
Title Register BK386617
Title Plan BK386617

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

Summary

2 x Oak Trees proposed to be felled due to the severe angle of growth into occupied gardens (owner and neighbour). They are part of a woodland area to the rear of 309 Nine Mile Ride, though the upper two thirds of these two trees overhangs garden space. Location Plan is included which shows the location of the two trees.

Detail of application for tree works

There are two oak trees closely adjacent to the boundary gardens of 307 and 309 Nine Mile Ride (see Location Plan 001). Both trees have developed a pronounced and increasing lean towards residential and neighbouring buildings. There is a significant safety risk to children who play in gardens and outbuildings adjacent to these trees. As these two trees grow larger, there is a greater risk of collapse either naturally or in adverse weather. There is no growth to the back of either tree, only to the front where it significantly leans over and into garden space and are incredibly dangerous due to the angle they grow at. The ground condition at the tree base is loose and not compact.

For context, both trees have a height of approximately 15-20m. Everything above 4-5m high (from ground level) is leaning over into occupied gardens (and not into the forest). This means approximately 75% of the tree is leaning into garden space where children play and outbuildings are located. The angle of growth is concerning, oppressive and brings anxiety to myself and residents. Both trees also offer no wider amenity value, as not visual to the general public, due to their location being on freehold land at the rear of the garden of 309 Nine Mile Ride.

Due to the tree's size, location, direction of growth, remedial pruning would not sufficiently mitigate the identified risk. Felling is therefore proposed as the only reasonable and proportionate option to address safety concerns and the risk of collapse. (see supporting Photographs 002)

These are the only 2 trees that present a safety risk, from abnormal growth already explained. There are over 100 trees in the small section of land behind our garden, so felling these two would not cause any negative impact on the immediate area. In addition, as we see more wet seasonal weather and the trees grow larger, it will increase the risk of these two trees collapsing.

The forest is densely populated with many other trees currently covered by TPO's. Any replacement could potentially impact positive growth of existing trees due to tree canopies overlapping.

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

Adrian Chappell

Date

04/03/2026