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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

46

Suffix

Property Name

Address Line 1

Arthur Road

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Wokingham

Town/city

Wokingham

Postcode

RG41 2SY

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

Easting (x)

480012

Northing (y)

168826

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

Paul

Surname

Lewis

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

46 Arthur Rd

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

Wokingham

County

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

RG41 2SY

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Applicant Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

***** REDACTED *****

Fax number

Email address

***** REDACTED *****

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

Tree Preservation Order 714/1995 - Blue Atlas Cedar (*Cedrus atlantica* var *glauca*).

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

If Yes, you are required to provide for:

- **Subsidence** - A report by an engineer or surveyor, to include a description of damage, vegetation, monitoring data, soil, roots and repair proposals. Also a report from an arboriculturist to support the tree work proposals.
- **Other structural damage** (e.g. drains walls and hard surfaces) - Written technical evidence from an appropriate expert, including description of damage and possible solutions.

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

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

The tree has a Tree Preservation Order 714/1995 and is a Blue Atlas Cedar (*Cedrus atlantica* var *glauca*).

The tree is located at the top of the entrance driveway and is approx 8 metres away from the edge of the building.

The tree is currently just over 20 meters high, this tree does have the potential to grow to over 30 metres.

The crown width of a Blue Atlas Cedar is often 8-12 metres wide when fully mature. Currently the canopy of the tree is once again beginning to overhang the building (approx 8 metres away). In the previous 10 years, with previously agreed Planning permission, the tree has twice been cut back, however these were very minimal and only allowed to cut back a few metres to stop the canopy overhanging the building.

Whilst there is no fixed "maximum root spread" for this tree, typically they extend to 8-12 metres as large cedars develop extensive lateral roots that often spread at least as widely as the canopy. This could lead to the root system ultimately being up to 4 metres under the building.

Therefore, from the above, it would seem that the tree is around 2/3rds of its potential height and width.

The driveway is constructed from block paving and there are multiple areas which are showing signs of damage from below, assumed to be caused by roots of this tree as there are no other trees near enough to cause this damage.

The block paving first showed signs of being damaged in 2023, although slight disturbances had been noticed before then. Since that time, over the last 3 years, more and more damage has occurred to the driveway and can be seen from the photographs attached. The driveway cannot be repaired or replaced due to the root damage. What is now especially concerning, although there is no noticeable damage thus far to the building, is that recently there seems to be disturbance caused by roots to the block paving less than 50cm from the building (again shown in the photos).

It is important to note that the canopy also extends to cover the driveways of nos 48, 48a and 50 Arthur Rd, all within 8 metres of the trunk. I am concerned there may be potential for further damage to adjacent properties.

Given the nature of the damage so far, there being no way to repair the driveway, to prevent further damage to the driveway and potentially to prevent damage to the building, it now has come to a point where the request is for the tree to be felled. This is unfortunate as we had hoped to keep the tree manageable but it is no longer possible.

Should the permission be granted we will replace the tree with another tree more manageable and suitable for the location. As both our neighbours have magnolia trees at the top of their gardens (one of which is under TPO 653/1994), our initial choice would be to have a magnolia tree planted there to add to the vista of the road. Lastly, I would like to add since we have owned the property (2005), we have planted seven trees in the back garden when before there was only one.

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

Paul Lewis

Date

04/03/2026