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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

Mrs

First name

Hjordis

Surname

Race

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

3 Nicholson Mews

Address line 2

Wokingham

Address line 3

Town/City

Wokingham

County

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

RG402HD

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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

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

Site plan - 3 Nicholson Mews - Revision 1 - 21 Feb 2025
Photo 1 - Tree to be felled - taken in the summer
Photo 2 - Tree to be felled - taken in the winter
Photo 3 - Tree to be felled - taken in the winter from the first floor

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

Planned works

Fell one tree, remove the roots and replace it with a more suitable tree or shrub. The new tree will be as close to the existing position as possible. The tree is clearly identified on the plan with a number '1'.

Existing tree to be felled

The species to be removed is a *Quercus Suber* (Cork Oak), which is non-native. The diameter of the trunk at a height of 1.5m is 19cm. It can grow up to a height of 25m with a trunk diameter of 50-100cm. The existing tree is located in my back garden and was planted by the builder. It is sited 65cm from one fence and 120cm from the other. The ultimate spread will be wider than 8m. It is competing for light and space with the tree next door (see photo). As it is in the back garden, it has no public amenity value. The tree is completely inappropriate for a garden of this size. With the recent growth it is causing so much shade that it is stopping other plants from growing. The Royal Horticultural Society states that is suited to large gardens and parkland. [REDACTED] Gardening is my life but I cannot look after large trees.

Proposed replacement

Depending on availability, one of the following will be planted, all native to the UK and with native wildlife value.

Euonymus Europaeus

The RHS describes this as a vigorous, spreading deciduous shrub or small tree to 3m, suitable for city and courtyard gardens and for wildlife gardens. The Woodland Trust states that the leaves are eaten by moth caterpillars and also attract aphids and their predators, including hoverflies, ladybirds and lacewings, as well as the house sparrow and other species of bird. The flowers are a rich source of nectar and pollen for insects such as the St Mark's fly.

Viburnum Opulus

The RHS describes this as a vigorous, bushy, deciduous shrub to 5m. It is suitable for shrub border, wildlife or woodland garden. The Woodland Trust states that the red berries are an important food source for birds, including bullfinch and mistle thrush. The shrub canopy provides shelter for other wildlife. The flowers are especially attractive to hoverflies.

Rosa Canina

The RHS describes this as a vigorous arching deciduous shrub about 3m in height, suitable for wildlife gardens. The Woodland Trust states that dog rose flowers are an important nectar source for insects and its fruits are a food source for birds such as blackbirds, redwings and waxwings.

If a small tree is purchased it will be "half standard" or "standard" size (1.8 – 3 metres tall) at time of planting, in accordance with British Standard 3936. If a shrub is planted it will be vigorous and a suitable size to be healthy and survive in the shaded area. The new plant will be planted in the planting season, November 2025 to March 2026, unless container-grown; the latter will not be planted in periods of drought.

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

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

Hjordis Race

Date

26/02/2025