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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

44

Suffix

Property Name

Address Line 1

Farnesdown Drive

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Wokingham

Town/city

Wokingham

Postcode

RG41 1LD

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

Easting (x)

479580

Northing (y)

169742

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')

The tree is in the back garden of 44 Farnesdown Drive and straddles the fence between this property and the railway line level with the back of the building. Access to the tree is available by calling at the property.

1. The What Three Words location for the tree is //rips.tricky.humans

2. The GPS location is 51°25'16.5"N 0°51'24.7"W and can be found using Google Maps and this URL:

<https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/51%C2%B025'16.5%22N+0%C2%B051'24.7%22W/@51.4211183,-0.8574181,106m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m4!3m3!8m2!3d51.421244!4d-0.856855?entry=ttu>

3. If it is possible, I will also attached a plan (oak tree in 44 Farnesdown drive.png), I created myself which shows the tree in relation to the house, although the two previous points should make that clear.

It is also clearly visible on Wokingham Borough Council Tree Map.

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Barrie

Surname

Callender

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

44 Farnesdown Drive

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

Wokingham

County

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

RG411LD

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

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

1196-2007-T1

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

Image Repository: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zvs7oNYVALjs74l0Bc9ydVF1DI7QotaF?usp=drive_link

- oak tree in 44 Farnesdown drive.png - image of location of tree from google maps

- Oak Tree location.pdf - my sketch of where the tree is

- OAK_Tree_Crown Reduction_works.jpg - Oak Tree with rough sketch illustrating crown reduction and crown lifting

- PXL_20240401_180210385.jpg - 1st April 2024 - Oak tree from north west looking towards south east

- PXL_20240401_180241188.jpg - 1st April 2024 - Oak tree from south east looking towards north west

- PXL_20240408_185821451.jpg - 8th April 2024 - Oak tree from south east looking towards north west

- PXL_20240414_100136079.jpg - 14th April 2024 - Oak tree from south east looking towards north west

- PXL_20240414_100449533.jpg - 14th April 2024 - Oak tree from south west looking towards north east

- PXL_20240414_100507837.jpg - 14th April 2024 - Close up of Oak tree from south west looking towards north east

- PXL_20240414_100532757.jpg - 14th April 2024 - looking up under canopy where tree is encroaching upon house #1.

- PXL_20240414_100700240.jpg - 14th April 2024 - looking up under canopy where tree is encroaching upon house #2.

- PXL_20240414_100602714.jpg - 14th April 2024 - looking along side of house to Oak tree

- PXL_20240507_181714985.jpg - 7th May 2024 - looking up under canopy where tree is encroaching upon house #1

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

Only tree is an Oak tree identified on TPO as 1196-2007-T1 and other parts of this application clearly identify its location. It can also be seen in the photographs referenced in previous section. There is only the one Oak tree in the garden.

The tree is a Quercus robar, which has been hacked by Network Rail from the Railway side, the extent of which can be seen in images references PXL_20240401_180210385.jpg, PXL_20240401_180241188.jpg, PXL_20240408_185821451.jpg and PXL_20240414_100136079.jpg.

We wish to carry out Crown reduction as illustrated in the image: OAK_Tree_Crown Reduction_works.jpg

I appreciate the picture is quite rough. Starting from about 4.5m from the ground to reduce the crown so it looks much less out of shape and lopsided due to the work Network Rail carried out, and allow a few years before work is required again.

We also wish to carry out some Crown Lifting to the level of the top of the house brick work, which our Tree Surgeon estimates to be about 4.5 metres as per the image: OAK_Tree_Crown Reduction_works.jpg. There are branches that have turned towards the ground in images PXL_20240401_180241188.jpg and PXL_20240414_100602714.jpg, also visible in the marked up image. The Crown Lifting was the subject of WBC Planning Application 241721 recently granted, but I didn't appreciate the difference between Crown Lifting and Crown Reduction - which are now obvious to me. Hence this application.

We would like the Oak Tree to have a shape more like it had before Network Rail removed branches. As can be seen from Google Maps and especially image PXL_20240507_181714985.jpg the tree may well be touching roof tiles next year, if not this year.

We do not have access to the Railway side, so all work will be on the tree over our land.

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

Barrie Callender

Date

04/12/2024