



Tree Work Application Decision Notices

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 Town & Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012

NOTICE OF CONSENT TO FELL AND/OR PRUNE

Application Number: 2020/93704

In pursuance of its powers under the above mentioned Act and Regulations and the Tree Preservation Order made by the Kirklees Metropolitan Council (hereinafter called 'the Council') as Local Planning Authority and pursuant to the application submitted to the Council on 02-Nov-2020:-

THE COUNCIL HEREBY **CONSENTS** TO THE CARRYING OUT OF THE FOLLOWING OPERATIONS TO THE PROTECTED TREE(S) TPO No. 06/98/w1

At: 22, Woodbottom Road, Netherton, Huddersfield, HD4 7DJ

Tree numbers used are as per the application and supporting documents.

Works as specified in the application to the following trees:

Poplar – 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 326, 385

Birch – 332, 354, 355, 358, 366, 394, 398, 399

Ash – 351, 353

Holly – 356, 359, 362, 363, 364, 367, 371, 372, 374, 375, 376, 377, 379, 384, 387

Oak – 365, 370, 373, 378, 381, 382, 383, 386, 392, 479

Larch – 389

All trees adjacent to public footpaths, access tracks or private roads:

Crown lift removing small diameter branches only (less than 10 cm) to give 2.5 metres ground clearance.

All trees adjacent to public roads:

Crown lift removing small diameter branches only (less than 10 cm) to give 4-5m ground clearance, as required.

Prune to reduce branches back to a suitable side branch to give 1m clearance from the overhead lines as required

The following trees are not protected, or the work proposed does not require consent:

316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 333, 334, 335, 336, 338, 397, tree marked as not tagged.

Notes

- Consent has not been granted for all works in the application, see separate Refusal Notice for further details.
- Replacement trees required are specified in the conditions below.
- As recommended in the submitted documents it is advised that a felling licence be obtained prior to carrying out the felling work approved in the woodland.
- A copy of the application documents can be viewed on line using the planning application search facility on the Council's web page: www.kirklees.gov.uk/trees

SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- 1) That ALL tree operations outlined in this notice be carried out within ONE year of the date of this notice. If for any reason such works are not completed within this period a new application must be made to the Council.
- 2) That all tree work shall be carried out in accordance with British Standard 3998: 2010 *Tree Work- Recommendations*.
- 3) That branchwood shall not be burned on site.
- 4) That the felled trees, numbered 301-315, be replaced by trees a mix of 10 Alder, 10 Hawthorn and 5 Downy Birch, 1-1.5m in height when planted, and planted at the same place as the original tree(s).
- 5) That all replacement tree(s) described in condition (4) be planted in the first planting season (November to March inclusive) following the felling of existing tree(s).
- 6) That all replacement tree(s) described in condition (4) which suffer damage or die within 5 years of planting be replaced to the satisfaction of this Council.

Notes to Applicant in Relation to Decision

1. Any conditions you will find detailed therein are mandatory and enforceable under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. You are deemed to have accepted them as stated if you either: i) Carry out works, or ii) Fail to appeal within 28 days of receipt of the notice

2.

Should you wish to initiate an appeal, you should do so within 28 days of receipt of the notice. Appeals must be made using a form which you can get from the Secretary of State at Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN (Tel: 0303 444 5000) or online at <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate>. Further information on the Planning Appeal process can be found online at the Planning Inspectorates website <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/planning-inspectorate>.

3.

Road & Street Works Act 1991: It is possible that part or all of the consented works may present a safety risk to the public. IT IS IMPERATIVE that before any works commence advice on sign requirements and /or traffic control is sought from our NRASWA Officers (Sean Fisher: 01484 225 426)

4.

Under section 1 and 9 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended): it is an offence to intentionally disturb or destroy any bird nest whilst it is in use or being built; or, to recklessly or intentionally damage or destroy a bat roost or, to cause disturbance or harm to bats.

5.

In no way does the Council accept any liability for damage to property or persons caused as a result of the work here authorised. Tree surgery can be very dangerous and the Council recommends strongly that a competent tree surgeon using appropriate safety equipment and with appropriate public liability insurance is employed.

6.

Consent for the tree work specified in this Notice relates only to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and is in principle only. If the work to be undertaken relates to trees growing on land owned by a third party, permission must be obtained from that third party before undertaking any work which requires access onto or over their land.

7.

Subject to the provision of the Tree Preservation Order, any person who has suffered loss or damage in consequence of any refusal (including revocation or modification) of consent under the Order or of any grant of any such consent subject to conditions shall, if he/she makes a claim within the time and in the manner prescribed by the Order, be entitled to recover from the Council compensation in respect of such loss or damage, provided that no compensation shall be payable in respect of loss or damage suffered by reason of such refusal or grant of consent in the case of any tree the subject of a certificate in accordance with Article 5 of the Order

In assessing compensation so payable, account shall be taken of:

- a) Any compensation or contribution which has been paid whether to the claimant or any other person in respect of the same trees under the terms of the said or any other Tree Preservation Order under section 29 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1962, or under section 203 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, or under the terms of any Interim Preservation Order made under section 8 of the Town and Country Planning (Interim Department) Act 1943, or any compensation which has been paid or could have been claimed under any provision relating to the preservation of trees or protection of woodlands contained in an operative scheme under the Town and Country Planning Act 1932; and
- b) Any injurious affection to any land of the owner which would result from the felling of trees subject of the claim.

A claim for compensation under the Order shall be in writing and shall be made by serving it on the Council, such service to be effected by delivering the claim at the offices of the Council addressed to the proper Officer thereof or by sending it by prepaid post so addressed, within 12 months from the date of the decision of the Council, or of the Secretary of State against the decision of the Council from the date of the decision of the Secretary of State on the appeal.

Any questions or disputed compensation will be determined in accordance with the provisions of section 179 of the Act (or as amended).

THE REASONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S DECISION TO **GRANT** CONSENT SUBJECT TO THE **CONDITIONS** SPECIFIED ABOVE ARE:

- i. To ensure future tree cover and amenity.
- ii. To ensure the continued health of the tree(s).
- iii. To favour other trees.
- iv. In the interest of public and/or personal safety.
- v. To reduce the risk of structural damage.

Dated: 23-Dec-2020

Signed:



David Shepherd
Strategic Director Growth and Regeneration

If you have any questions about the above decision then please contact the application's Case Officer Nick Goddard quoting application number 2020/93704 via one of the following methods:

Call: 01484 414909

E-mail: trees.planning@kirklees.gov.uk

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NOTICE OF REFUSAL OF CONSENT TO FELL AND/OR PRUNE

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THE COUNCIL HEREBY **REFUSES** TO CONSENT TO THE CARRYING OUT OF THE FOLLOWING OPERATIONS TO THE PROTECTED TREE(S) TPO No.06/98/w1

At: 22, Woodbottom Road, Netherton, Huddersfield, HD4 7DJ

Reduce to monolith 2m in height - Larch tree numbered 339

Remove or reduce to monolith 0.5-2m in height - Ash trees numbered 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 352, 380, 388, 390, 391, 395, 396

Coppice or pollard 1-2m in height – Holly trees numbered 360, 361

Reduce one stem to 3m in height – Oak tree numbered 369

Cut back to the property boundary – All trees overhanging the public road (Wood Bottom Road)

Due to the trees could potentially cause damage should failure occur, concerns about tree related risk to buildings, access tracks, paths and for visitors, risks to users of the public highway, owner wishes to take a more pro-active approach to managing the trees, symptoms of Ash dieback, trees were leaning, trees overhang the highway.

The **REASONS** for the Council's decision to refuse to grant consent are:

1. These trees are part of a prominent landscape feature in the locality and as such contribute significantly to public amenity consequently the grounds for their removal or pruning proposed must be weighed against the amenity they provide.
2. Trees such as these could cause damage and or personal injury if they failed but that can be said of any tree and is rarely, if ever, a reason to justify removal of healthy protected trees. Moreover the trees are mature and have been growing at this location for many years and have adapted to their normal wind environment and no signs of root plate movement or other signs of potential failure.
3. No evidence of significant Ash dieback was provided or evident in the Ash trees marked for removal. The trees are in apparent good health and show no signs of obvious major defect which would make them a threat to person or property.
4. There was not enough evidence submitted with the application to definitively show the tree poses any abnormal health and safety concerns. However, should additional evidence come to light the Council would be happy to consider a new application supported by this. Specifically it may be advisable that the tree be re-assessed in the summer months.
5. The trees numbered 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 352, 380, 388, 390, 391, 395, 396 are an integral part of the woodland and their removal would be detrimental to visual amenity and the composition of the woodland edge. Their removal would create an increased risk of windthrow to the remaining trees.
6. The pruning proposed to tree 369 and those overhanging Wood Bottom Road is excessive, may promote infection and decay, adversely affecting the trees' long term health and would be detrimental to the appearance of the trees.
7. As a legal charge on the land the presence of protected trees shows during the land searches prior to purchasing a property. This is to allow any potential buyer the opportunity to consider the constraints, long term implications and maintenance requirements of living in close proximity to mature protected trees. With this in mind the concerns regarding the trees and the baseline risk they pose to members of the public should have been a material consideration prior to purchasing this property.

Notes to Applicant Regarding Decision

1.

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Guidance Notes Choosing a Tree Work Contractor (Tree Surgeon)

The Council does not approve or promote any private contractors, nor does it affiliate itself with any specific companies. If any company says they are Council approved or trained you should seek clarification as to which Council it is referring to and if you are not satisfied check with the authority concerned.

There are schemes running which produce a directory of approved contractors and companies. The Arboriculture Association (www.trees.org.uk) and Trust Mark (www.trustmark.org.uk) are examples of such schemes.

If you are looking for a company or contractor to carry out tree work, tree pruning, felling etc. you should consider the following:

- City and Guilds/NPTC Qualifications (National Proficiency Test Council). The company should be able to produce certificates and a photo ID card (See example ID card below) to show that they have the relevant qualifications for the operations they are intending to carry out. There are separate qualifications for using a chain saw, felling different sized trees, climbing trees, operating a chain saw in a tree etc. It is the individuals who hold the qualification, so unless they are undertaking training, employees need to be qualified for the tasks they do.

Example City and Guilds/ NPTC Photo ID card:



(Sample ID card provided by City and Guilds September 2015, the appearance of cards issued before this date may vary slightly but are still valid)

- The company should be able to show you certificates of insurance for public liability and where the company has employees, employee liability as well.
- The company must work to the British Standard for Tree Work, BS 3998 and should be able to quote this if you ask them what the British Standard is. If you propose to carry out work to a protected tree with consent from the Council, this will be a condition of the approval.
- Ask for a written quotation, a reputable firm will be willing to do this. It would be advisable to get quotes from several different companies.
- Membership of an arboricultural organisation does not necessarily guarantee a contractor's level of competency, which will depend on the organisations terms of membership. However it does indicate that they are keeping up to date with industry changes. Examples would be the Arboricultural Association or the International Society of Arboriculture.

- The company should be able to show you copies of Health and Safety documents for their work type, risk assessments, inspection records for their climbing and rigging equipment (where applicable) etc. This will indicate that they are compliant with national Health and Safety requirements.

If you are seeking advice on a tree's health or safety, you are advised to look for:

- A company which holds professional indemnity insurance. This gives a degree of security should there be an adverse incident as a result of their comments.
- A formal qualification in arboriculture, forestry, horticulture etc would give an indication that they have the required technical knowledge about tree biology and mechanics to be able to advise you correctly. There are many different formal qualifications available examples of a few would be: National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ), Diploma or a Degree.
- A person who holds LANTRA Professional Tree Inspector. This shows that the individual has passed an assessment to show that their tree inspection skills are in line with the national standard. Holders of this award will be able to show a photo ID card.

If you are engaging an arboricultural consultant to produce a tree report for example, as a minimum they should hold the above mentioned insurance and a formal qualification.

Useful contacts:

www.kirklees.gov.uk/trees www.trees.org.uk www.trustmark.org.uk www.isa-arboriculture.org.uk

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