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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

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

Mr

First name

Matthew

Surname

Baines

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

678A Bradford Road

Address line 2

Birkenshaw

Address line 3

Town/City

Bradford

County

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

BD11 2EE

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes

No

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

***** REDACTED *****

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 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

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

We bought 678A Bedford road in August 2020 and would like to seek permission for a professional tree surgeon to carry out works in our garden. We have never applied for such permission in the past and my apologies if we are not expert in this request. We have a reasonably large back garden which is mainly covered by trees and under which is a lawned area. The trees are down the boundary with one larger oak tree close to the opposite boundary and spanning the width of our garden. Both oak trees and many of the boundary trees also overhand neighbouring new build properties. Whilst we love the trees and do not want to remove any we would like to reduce the height of some, raise the crown of one and thin out the density of the canopies to allow more light for us and our neighbours.

Attached is a sketch and a number of photos of labelled trees. I hope this is adequate but would be happy to provide any additional information requested and / or would welcome a visit to review and advise. I would also appreciate guidance if what is being requested is not appropriate.

As well as a number of smaller trees of a number of varieties (apologies but I am not aware of their specific type) we have two larger and tall eucalyptus trees and two larger oak trees in our back garden. Details and requests below.

I think the majority of the garden is subject to a blanket TPO.

Boundary trees- we would be seeking permission to remove excess height and thin tree canopies of non listed trees on the left hand boundary as viewed from the house. There are conifers, hawthorn and young oak trees down the boundary. All would remain but we would like to cap at 4 metres and thin branches extending over garden and neighbouring properties.

Eucalyptus trees- we have two high trees near to the property. Both have lost heavy high branches in bad weather since we moved in and I would like to remove tops of these trees to a height of approx 5 metres.

Oak TREE 2 as labelled on sketch and photos is close to boundary and at the bottom of our garden where recent new builds have gone up close to the fence line. The tree is large and the canopy overhangs the boundary and our garden significantly. This blocks much of the light and the neighbour has asked if we could apply to have branches trimmed overhanging the boundary. At the same time we would look to ensure work was balanced by taking some of the lower branches on the other side over our own garden. This would only be approx 20% of overall tree canopy.

Oak TREE 1) close to the other boundary and in the centre of our garden is another large oak tree with a magnificent canopy. We would like to retain its overall shape and encourage upwards growth but remove some of the longer and lower branches covering the full width of the garden and blocking significant amounts of light. I believe this is referred to as lifting the crown? Again, we would employ a tree surgeon to do this if permission was granted.

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 this form and 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 options of the persons giving them. I / We also accept that: Once submitted, this information will be transmitted to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be made available 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

Matt Baines

Date

26/03/2023