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Please email completed forms to trees.planning@kirklees.gov.uk or post to the address above

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

You can complete and submit this form electronically via the Planning Portal by visiting www.planningportal.gov.uk/apply

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.

Please complete using block capitals and black ink.
 You must use this form if you are applying for work to trees protected by a tree preservation order (TPO). (You may also use it to give notice of works to trees in a conservation area).
 It is important that you read the accompanying guidance notes before filling in the form. Without the correct information, your application / notice cannot proceed.

1. Applicant Name and Address

Title: First name:

Last name:

Company (optional):

Unit: House number: House suffix:

House name:

Address 1:

Address 2:

Address 3:

Town:

County:

Country:

Postcode:

2. Agent Name and Address

Title: First name:

Last name:

Company (optional):

Unit: House number: House suffix:

House name:

Address 1:

Address 2:

Address 3:

Town:

County:

Country:

Postcode:

3. Trees Location

If all trees stand at the address shown in Question 1, go to Question 4. Otherwise, please provide the full address/location of the site where the tree(s) stand (including full postcode where available)

Unit: House number: House suffix:

House name:

Address 1:

Address 2:

Address 3:

Town:

County:

Postcode (if known):

If the location is unclear or there is not a full postal address, either describe as clearly as possible where it is (for example, 'Land to the rear of 12 to 18 High Street' or 'Woodland adjoining Elm Road') or provide an Ordnance Survey grid reference:

Description:

THE TREE IS SITUATED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE GROUNDS TO THE REAR OF 9 CRAIG CLOSE, BATLEY, WF17 0EX. THE EXACT POSTAL ADDRESS OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE IS NOT KNOWN, HOWEVER THE TREE IS DIRECTLY ADJACENT TO THE REAR BOUNDARY OF THE ABOVE PROPERTY.

THE EXACT OWNERSHIP DETAILS ARE NOT KNOWN, HOWEVER THE LAND APPEARS TO FORM PART OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE SITE.

4. Trees Ownership

Is the applicant the owner of the tree(s): Yes No
If 'No' please provide the address of the owner (if known and if different from the trees location)

Title: First name:

Last name:

Company (optional):

Unit: House number: House suffix:

House name:

Address 1:

Address 2:

Address 3:

Town:

County:

Country:

Postcode:

Telephone numbers

Country code: National number: Extension number:

Country code: Mobile number (optional):

Country code: Fax number (optional):

Email address (optional):

5. What Are You Applying For?

Are you seeking consent for works to tree(s) subject to a TPO? Yes No

Are you wishing to carry out works to tree(s) in a conservation area? Yes No

6. Tree Preservation Order Details

If you know which TPO protects the tree(s), enter its title or number below.

THE SPECIFIC TREE PRESERVATION ORDER (TPO) REFERENCE NUMBER IS NOT KNOWN.

7. 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. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary. You might find it useful to contact an arborist (tree surgeon) for help with defining appropriate work. Where trees are protected by a TPO, please number them as shown in the First Schedule to the TPO where this is available. Use the same numbers on your sketch plan (see guidance notes).

Please provide the following information below : tree species (and the number used on the sketch plan) and description of works. Where trees are protected by a TPO you must also provide reasons for the work and, where trees are being felled, please give your proposals for planting replacement trees (including quantity, species, position and size) or reasons for not wanting to replant.

E.g. Oak (T3) - fell because of excessive shading and low amenity value. Replant with 1 standard ash in the same place.

TREE SPECIES AND DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

THE TREE IS A LARGE MATURE SYCAMORE LOCATED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE GROUNDS DIRECTLY BEHIND 9 CRAIG CLOSE, WF17 0EX.

7. Identification Of Tree(s) And Description Of Works continued ...

PROPOSED WORKS:

WE ARE REQUESTING A SUBSTANTIAL CROWN REDUCTION AND CROWN THINNING OF THE TREE, INCLUDING REDUCTION OF LATERAL BRANCHES EXTENDING TOWARD OUR PROPERTY. THE INTENTION IS TO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE ITS HEIGHT, SPREAD, SHADING, AND DEBRIS IMPACT WHILE RETAINING THE TREE IN A SAFER AND MORE PROPORTIONATE FORM FOR ITS LOCATION.

REASONS FOR PROPOSED WORKS:

SIZE, PROXIMITY AND ONGOING SAFETY CONCERNS

THE TREE IS EXTREMELY TALL AND POSITIONED VERY CLOSE TO OUR RESIDENTIAL BOUNDARY AND HOME. DUE TO ITS SCALE AND HEAVY BRANCHING STRUCTURE, WE HAVE ONGOING CONCERNS DURING STRONG WINDS AND SEVERE WEATHER. A REDUCTION IN HEIGHT AND CANOPY SPREAD WOULD HELP REDUCE THE PERCEIVED RISK AND PROVIDE REASSURANCE GIVEN ITS PROXIMITY TO OUR FAMILY HOME.

SIGNIFICANT AND CONTINUOUS DEBRIS CAUSING SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE ISSUES

THE TREE SHEDS A VERY LARGE VOLUME OF LEAVES AND SYCAMORE SEEDS DIRECTLY INTO OUR GARDEN EACH YEAR. THE DEBRIS ACCUMULATES QUICKLY ACROSS OUR PATIO, AROUND THE HOUSE, AND ALONG THE BOUNDARY.

THIS HAS LED TO SUBSTANTIAL MOSS BUILD-UP BETWEEN PAVING JOINTS AND ACROSS THE PATIO SURFACE. THE CONSTANT MOISTURE FROM LEAF ACCUMULATION CREATES IDEAL CONDITIONS FOR MOSS AND WEED GROWTH, REQUIRING FREQUENT AND INTENSIVE CLEANING TO PREVENT THE AREA FROM BECOMING SLIPPERY AND UNSAFE.

8. Trees - Additional Information

Additional information may be attached to electronic communications or provided separately in paper format.

For all trees

A sketch plan clearly showing the position of trees listed in Question 7 must be provided when applying for works to trees covered by a TPO. 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.

For works to trees covered by a TPO

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)

1. **Condition of the tree(s)** - e.g. it is diseased or you have fears that it might break or fall: Yes No
If YES, you are required to provide written arboricultural advice or other diagnostic information from an appropriate expert.

2. **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.

Documents and plans (for any tree)

Are you providing separate information (e.g. an additional schedule of work for Question 7)? Yes No

If YES, please provide the reference numbers of plans, documents, professional reports, photographs etc in support of your application. If they are being provided separately from this form, please detail how they are being submitted.

CONDITION OF THE TREE (DISEASE / FAILURE RISK)

THE TREE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE DISEASED, AND WE ARE NOT REQUESTING ITS REMOVAL. HOWEVER, DUE TO ITS SIZE, HEIGHT AND PROXIMITY TO OUR PROPERTY, WE HAVE CONCERNS DURING PERIODS OF STRONG WIND AND SEVERE WEATHER. THE REQUEST IS BASED ON SCALE, OVERHANG AND IMPACT RATHER THAN DEFECT OR DECLINE. WE ARE SIMPLY ASKING FOR PROPORTIONATE MAINTENANCE SO THAT IT CAN CONTINUE TO BE ENJOYED WHILST HAVING A MORE BALANCED IMPACT ON OUR PROPERTY.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE IS SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF THIS APPLICATION. THESE PHOTOGRAPHS CLEARLY IDENTIFY THE LOCATION OF THE TREE, ITS PROXIMITY TO 9 CRAIG CLOSE, AND THE ASSOCIATED CONCERNS REGARDING OVERHANG, HEIGHT, AND DEBRIS IMPACT.

THE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE INCLUDED WITH THIS APPLICATION FORM AND ARE CLEARLY LABELED FOR REFERENCE.

9. Authority Employee / Member

With respect to the Authority, I am:

- (a) a member of staff
- (b) an elected member
- (c) related to a member of staff
- (d) related to an elected member

Do any of these statements apply to you?

 Yes No

If Yes, please provide details of the name, relationship and role

10. Application For Tree Works - Checklist

Only one copy of the application form and additional information (Question 8) is required. Please use the guidance and this checklist to make sure that this form has been completed correctly and that all relevant information is submitted. Please note that failure to supply precise and detailed information may result in your application being rejected or delayed. You do not need to fill out this section, but it may help you to submit a valid form.

Sketch Plan

- A sketch plan showing the location of all trees (see Question 8)

For all trees

(see Question 7)

- Clear identification of the trees concerned
- A full and clear specification of the works to be carried out

For works to trees protected by a TPO

(see Question 7)

Have you:

- stated reasons for the proposed works?
- provided evidence in support of the stated reasons? in particular:
 - if your reasons relate to the condition of the tree(s) - written evidence from an appropriate expert
 - if you are alleging subsidence damage - a report by an appropriate engineer or surveyor and one from an arboriculturist.
 - in respect of other structural damage - written technical evidence
- included all other information listed in Question 8?

11. Declaration - Trees

I/we hereby apply for planning permission/consent as described in this form 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.

Signed - Applicant:

Or signed - Agent:

Date (DD/MM/YYYY):

(This date must not be before the date of sending or hand-delivery of the form)

12. Applicant Contact Details

Telephone numbers

Country code: National number: Extension number:

Country code: Mobile number (optional):

Country code: Fax number (optional):

Email address (optional):

13. Agent Contact Details

Telephone numbers

Country code: National number: Extension number:

Country code: Mobile number (optional):

Country code: Fax number (optional):

Email address (optional):

Electronic communication - If you submit this form by fax or e-mail the LPA may communicate with you in the same manner.

(Please see guidance notes)