



**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (TREE PRESERVATION)(ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012**

Tree Preservation Order No. 154

Ref: 20350/TRE/2015/27

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The Council of the London Borough of Hillingdon as the Local Planning Authority within the meaning of the above-mentioned Act and Orders and Regulations made thereunder give notice that consent is hereby **PARTLY GRANTED** to carry out the following operation(s) :-

Description of operation(s) :

See Attached Schedule for
Approved description and conditions and Refused description and reasons

Location : Timbers, 24 ,Northgate Northwood

Date of receipt: 13 February 2015

Drawing/plan Numbers: See attached sheet for details

Consent is given to part of the application (see attached schedule) subject to the conditions listed on the attached schedule, part of the application has been refused (see attached schedule) for the reasons listed on the attached schedule

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Amendments required: YES / NO

NOTES: Attention is particularly drawn to the attached schedule which sets out the rights of applicants who are aggrieved by the decisions of the Local Planning Authority.



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SCHEDULE OF SPLIT DECISION

PART APPROVED

To carry out tree surgery, including a crown reduction by up to 30% to Oak (T1 on application); the cutting back of branches to provide up to 2m clearance between the tree and the house, to Oak (T2 on application); and a crown lift to 4m, to Oak (T4 on application) on TPO 154

- 1 . The Oak (T4) to be pruned shall be crown lifted to a maximum height of 4 metres. This work shall involve the tip reduction of low hanging branches, and/or the removal of low branches to the height specified and result in a tree of balanced appearance; those branches to be removed shall be removed at their origin and all branch collars shall be left intact.

The works shall be carried out in accordance with the recommendations contained in BS 3998:2010 'Tree work - Recommendations'. Climbing irons or 'spikes' shall not be used during the execution of this work.

REASON

In order to protect health of the tree and the visual amenity of the area.

- 2 . The works hereby permitted shall be carried out within 2 years of the date of this consent.

REASON

To enable the Local Planning Authority to reconsider the appropriateness of the works in the light of any change in circumstances.

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- 3 . The length of the lateral limbs of the Oak (T2 on application) to be pruned shall be reduced to provide up to 2m clearance between the tree and the house. This work shall comprise a reduction in the length of the limbs in a uniform and systematic manner and the limbs should be cut back to suitably positioned secondary branches.

The work shall result in a tree of typical form for the species and of balanced appearance. The level of limb reduction shall be expressed as a level of clearance to be provided. The works shall be carried out in accordance with the recommendations contained in BS3998: 2010 - "British Standard Recommendations for Tree Work". Climbing irons or 'spikes' shall not be used during the execution of the work.

Reason

In order to protect health of the tree and the visual amenity of the area

- 4 . The Oak (T1 on application) to be pruned shall be crown reduced by a maximum of 30%. This work shall comprise a reduction in both height and spread over the whole crown by shortening or removing peripheral branches in a uniform and systematic manner. Where branches are shortened, they should be cut back to a suitably positioned secondary branch.

Crown reduction shall not be construed as 'lopping' or 'topping' and shall result in a tree of typical form for the species and of balanced appearance. The works shall be carried out in accordance with the recommendations contained in BS 3998:2010 'Tree work - Recommendations'. Climbing irons or 'spikes' shall not be used during the execution of the work.

REASON

In order to protect health of the tree and the visual amenity of the area.

REFUSED

To carry out tree surgery, including a crown thin by 15% to Oaks (T2, T3 and T5 on application) on TPO 154

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INFORMATIVES:

1 · REFUSAL, for the following reasons:

The five mature Oaks are situated within a prominent corner plot at the junction of Copse Wood Way, Northgate and Linksway. The trees are highly visible, form a prominent landscape feature and significantly contribute to the amenity and arboreal / wooded character of the Copse Wood Estate Area of Special Local Character, which is further enhanced by the close proximity to Ruislip Woods National Nature Reserve (NNR). The Oaks do not appear to have been pruned before and have attractive crowns typical of their species. The trees have a high amenity value.

The proposed crown thinning would likely give many of the branches a top heavy 'lion's tail' appearance. It would also unnecessarily introduce multiple wounds into the tree's crown and any re-growth that is generated would be poorly attached and prone to future failure.

With regards to the proposed 'reduction of some of the heavier branches', this work is ambiguous and poorly specified. The resulting pruning could therefore be excessive and be detrimental to the tree's health and appearance.

Having regard to the reasons given for the proposed crown thinning and reduction of heavier branches; this work is not justified and will have a detrimental impact of on the trees' health and appearance; and the visual amenity and arboreal / wooded character of the Copse Wood Estate Area of Special Local Character.

END OF SCHEDULE

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SCHEDULE OF PLANS

SCHEDULE

1. Regulation 24

- (1) If, on a claim under this regulation, a person establishes that loss or damage has been caused or incurred in consequence of—
(a) the refusal of any consent required under these Regulations;
(b) the grant of any such consent subject to conditions; or
(c) the refusal of any consent, agreement or approval required under such a condition, that person shall, subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), be entitled to compensation from the authority.
- (2) No claim, other than a claim made under paragraph (3), may be made under this regulation—
(a) if more than 12 months have elapsed since the date of the authority's decision or, where such a decision is the subject of an appeal to the Secretary of State, the date of the final determination of the appeal; or
(b) if the amount in respect of which the claim would otherwise have been made is less than £500.
- (3) Where the authority refuse consent under these Regulations for the felling in the course of forestry operations of any part of a woodland area—
(a) they shall not be required to pay compensation to any person other than the owner of the land;
(b) they shall not be required to pay compensation if more than 12 months have elapsed since the date of the authority's decision or, where such a decision is subject to an appeal to the Secretary of State, the date of the final determination of the appeal; and
(c) such compensation shall be limited to an amount equal to any depreciation in the value of the trees which is attributable to deterioration in the quality of the timber in consequence of the refusal.
- (4) In any case other than those mentioned in paragraphs (2) or (3), no compensation shall be payable to a person—
(a) for loss of development value or other diminution in the value of the land;
(b) for loss or damage which, having regard to the application and the documents and particulars accompanying it, was not reasonably foreseeable when consent was refused or was granted subject to conditions;
(c) for loss or damage reasonably foreseeable by that person and attributable to that person's failure to take reasonable steps to avert the loss or damage or to mitigate its extent; or
(d) for costs incurred in appealing to the Secretary of State against the refusal of any consent required under these Regulations or the grant of any such consent subject to conditions.
- (5) Subsections (3) to (5) of section 11 of the Forestry Act 1967(21) (terms of compensation on refusal of licence) shall apply to the assessment of compensation under paragraph (3) as they apply to the assessment of compensation where a felling licence is refused under section 10 of that Act(22) (application for felling licence and decision of Commissioners thereon), as if—
(a) for any reference to a felling licence there were substituted a reference to a consent required under these Regulations; and
(b) for the reference to the Commissioners there were substituted a reference to the authority.
- (6) Claims for payment of compensation by virtue of paragraph (1) shall be made in writing to and paid by the authority.
- (7) (a) This paragraph applies where—
(i) an authority have granted consent under regulation 17(1) and (3) for felling in the course of forestry operations all or any part of a woodland area to which an order applies;
(ii) such consent is granted subject to a condition under regulation 17(2)(a) requiring trees to be planted; and
(iii) the Forestry Commissioners decide not to make a grant or loan under section 1 of the Forestry Act 1979(23) (finance for forestry) in respect of the planting required by such a condition as is mentioned in paragraph (ii) for the reason that such a condition frustrates the use of the woodland area for the growing of timber or other forest products for commercial purposes and in accordance with the rules or practice of good forestry;
(b) where this paragraph applies, the Forestry Commissioners shall, at the request of the person under a duty to comply with such a condition as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (a)(ii), give a certificate stating whether they have decided not to make such a grant or loan as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (a)(iii) and, if so, the grounds for their decision.
- (8) Any question of disputed compensation under this regulation shall be referred to and determined by the Upper Tribunal(24).
- (9) In relation to the determination of any such question, the provisions of section 4 of the Land Compensation Act 1961(25) (costs for proceedings of Upper Tribunal) and sections 22 (Tribunal Procedure Rules) and 29 (costs or expenses) of the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 shall apply subject to any necessary modifications and to the provisions of these Regulations.
- (10) This regulation shall not apply to orders to which regulations 26(3) or 26(4) apply.

(11) In this regulation—
"development value" means an increase in value attributable to the prospect of development; and, in relation to any land, the development of it shall include the clearing of it; and "owner" has the meaning given by section 34 of the Forestry Act 1967(26) (meaning of "owner").

2.

I) Where an application is made to the Authority for consent under the Order and consent is refused by that Authority or is granted by them subject to conditions, then if the applicant is aggrieved by the decision on the application the applicant or that person, as the case may be, may, by notice in writing served within 28 days from the receipt of notification of their decision or such longer period as the Planning Inspectorate may allow, appeal to the Secretary of State. Appeals must be made on a form which is obtainable from the Planning Inspectorate, Environment Team, 4/04. Kite Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN (Tel 01173728192, Fax 01173726241, e-mail environment.appeals@pins.gsi.uk) or from their website www.planning-inspectorate.gov.uk/pins/appeals/tree_preservation/index.htm

II) When an appeal is brought under this provision from a decision of the Authority, the Secretary of State, subject to the following provisions, may allow or dismiss the appeal or may reverse or vary any part of the decision of the Authority, whether or not the appeal relates to that part and may deal with the application as if it had been made to him in the first instance.