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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

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

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

First name

Meera

Surname

Solanki

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

Mallards

Address line 2

Northgate

Address line 3

Town/City

Northwood

County

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

HA6 2TJ

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Contact Details

Primary number

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Secondary number

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 enter the title or number for each relevant Tree Preservation Order

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

If Yes, you are required to provide written arboricultural advice or other diagnostic information from an appropriate expert.

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.

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

The application will be supported by the following evidence across 2 trees: T8Cupressus and G1Ash:

- 1) V4 Tree Assessment Mallards - Certified Tree Report covering the health, location and nature of trees in entirety across the property
- 2) TPO131 accurate tree mapping 2024 - covering the plot sketch of 2 TPO trees on the property
- 3) G1 Ducks Hill Rd internal view - showing the view and health of the G1 Ash tree from inside the property
- 4) G1 Ducks Hill Rd Overhang - showing the overhang and health of the G1 Ash Tree from the main Ducks Hill Rd
- 5) G1 Ducks Hill Rd View - additional supporting evidence of overhang and potential hazard to public walkway/roads of G1 Ash Tree
- 6) T8 CCTV obstruction - showing the obscuring of the CCTV camera and the street light of T8 Cupressus Tree
- 7) T8 Disturbed Pavement - showing the ruptured pavement creating hazard caused by the roots of the T8 Cupressus Tree

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

This planning application is in reference to felling of 2 trees associated with the property Mallards, Northgate under TPO131.

The property has been surveyed and there are 2 trees present from the TPO. This application is to fell both.

Attached is a sketch plan showing the following:

- An ash tree, listed as G1 on the TPO
- A Cupressus tree, listed on the TPO as T8 (although the location on the TPO is marginally incorrect)

There are no other trees on the property that relate to TPO131. Although more trees were cited within TPO131, there is no evidence of their existence through professional survey.

Permission is being sought to remove both these trees on the following grounds:

- 1) Ash Tree (within G1): This tree has been significant and irreversibly affected by Ash Dieback as verified by a tree specialist. The tree is now in significantly poor health. This tree is of particular urgency as it has significant overhang on to the main Ducks Hill Road and, should it's health further deteriorate, could have an impact on the general public.
- 2) The Cupressus tree (T8): is causing a number of significant issues – poor stem union close to the base has led to the tree growing at an angle, it has been topped heavily by previous owners resulting in imbalance of growth where the tree leans towards one side and the tree crown is starting to obscure street camera (CCTV) and impede on public pathway. In addition to this, the most important danger is that the driveway is now ruptured due to the roots and the disturbed path grows in height more and more. Many visitors, postmen, deliverers and even the tree surveyor himself are tripping on this growing piece of unsettled paving that is a key walkway to access the house.

To support both requested removals, I have attached images to show the health, nature and location of the trees.

In relation to the Ash Tree (within G1), having read the council's guidance surrounding prioritising removal of overhanging trees on public roads and sought professional advice, this tree removal falls within the remit of public safety and council responsibility. As such, the request should also be handled with some priority/ as a matter of urgency so we can expedite the removal of a potential public threat, and it is requested that this be achieved through the council's available resources and/ or funds. This funding request is specifically for the Ash tree, and it is accepted that the Cupressus tree felling separately remains the responsibility of the homeowner.

In accordance with the household's desire to support a green environment and aid biodiversity in a sustainable manner, it is proposed that the Ash Tree (G1) is replaced with a more sustainable/less vulnerable and equally valuable species of Oak Tree within the boundary of the property. In due course, the household will undertake a sensible assessment of where to place the new Oak tree on the property to support prioritising safety and growth conditions.

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

Meera Solanki

Date

07/09/2024