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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

33

Suffix

Property Name

Address Line 1

Westminster Drive

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Leicestershire

Town/city

Burbage

Postcode

LE10 2HA

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

Easting (x)

443540

Northing (y)

291804

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

Mrs

First name

Sharon

Surname

Fanthorpe

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

33

Address line 2

Westminster Drive

Address line 3

Town/City

Burbage

County

Country

Postcode

LE10 2HA

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 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

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

Mature horse chesnut tree T1 located on the west boundary of the rear garden. The tree has a main stem diameter of 70cm that splits at 2.5m in to 2 co-dominant stems and is 22m in height. The crown has a spread of 12m. The tree is likely to continue to grow in size & width of up to 20m and a height of 28m.

The rear garden is 13m long & 11m wide.

The horse chesnut tree is a large growing tree that is an unsuitable species for such a small suburban garden. As the garden is small and the tree is mature, the tree has significantly outgrown its location. To maintain the tree to a reasonable size requires regular pruning, which is onerous & costly. Advice from a tree surgeon has also identified that in time this is likely to result in weak branch unions and decay cavity formation in the tree.

When in leaf the canopy is so large and dense that the garden is heavily shaded to the west by the tree. The situation is exacerbated by the very close proximity of another mature protected horse chesnut tree located in the garden of 31 Westminster Drive which shades the garden to the south. There is also a mature protected oak tree located adjacent to the public footpath 6m to the north of the horse chesnut T1. The protected oak tree is growing in the hedge line that forms the east boundary of the public footpath U57 and includes a number of protected oak trees.

Horse chesnut tree T1 is preventing any enjoyment of the garden by the us (the applicants) and the distress of this prompted us to try to sell the house. However, the feedback from prospective buyers was that the interference by the tree on the useability of the garden was unacceptable feature. The salability of the property is seriously concerning.

The tree T1 has a low amenity value and the area would not be affected by any works due to the aforementioned mature protected oak tree growing just outside the boundary of the garden.

Ideally, we would like to fell the tree due to the reasons outlined above, this has also been previously recommended by Landscape Officer Mr. Andrew Shaw.

Failing that we would like to apply to reduce the chesnut canopy by 5m and thin out the crown by 50%.

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

Sharon Fanthorpe

Date

08/06/2024