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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

17

Suffix

Property Name

Address Line 1

Kensington Avenue

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Leicestershire

Town/city

Burbage

Postcode

LE10 3JE

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

Easting (x)

442713

Northing (y)

291485

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

Connor

Surname

Gardner

Company Name

Gardner Tree Services

Address

Address line 1

106 featherston drive

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

Burbage

County

Leicestershire

Country

UK

Postcode

LE10 2PP

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Applicant Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

Agent Details

Name/Company

Title

First name

Surname

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

County

Country

Postcode

Contact Details

Primary number

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Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

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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

75/00002/TPO RD - blanket 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](#)).

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 aboricultural advice or other diagnostic information from an appropriate expert.

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

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Tree Species: Mature Horse Chestnut

The proposed works are requested due to the tree's significant overall size and its very close proximity to three neighbouring residential properties. The canopy extends substantially across adjoining boundaries and is now imposing heavily upon the surrounding gardens and residential space.

Particular concern relates to 3 lower primary lateral boughs extending into three separate neighbouring gardens, as highlighted within the application. These limbs are positioned at a relatively low height, are heavily laterally extended and carry substantial end weight over areas of regular occupation and use.

The affected gardens are occupied and used daily by residents and young children for recreational activities, with frequent use directly beneath the canopy spread of the overextended limbs. Due to the excessive lateral growth and weight loading of the specified branches, there is increasing concern regarding the potential risk of branch failure over these high-use areas, particularly during periods of adverse weather and high winds.

The proposed works are intended to reduce excessive end weight, improve overall safety and clearance to neighbouring properties and gardens, lessen mechanical loading on the extended limbs and establish a more suitable long-term management regime for the tree whilst retaining its amenity value within the local area.

Option 1:

30% crown reduction, 30% crown thin, crown lift to approximately 6 metres and removal of 3 lower lateral boughs extending excessively into neighbouring gardens.

Option 2:

Pollard to a finished height of approximately 10–12 metres and removal of 3 lower lateral boughs extending excessively into neighbouring gardens.

All works to be carried out in accordance with BS3998:2010 – Tree Work Recommendations.

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

HORSE CHESTNUT – T1

Option 1 – Crown Reduction / Crown Thin / Crown Lift

Carry out a 30% overall crown reduction to the mature Horse Chestnut by reducing the height and lateral spread evenly throughout the crown, pruning back to suitable growth points to retain a natural shape appropriate to the species.

Carry out a 30% crown thin throughout the canopy to reduce end weight and sail effect whilst maintaining the tree's natural form and structure. Carry out a crown lift to approximately 6 metres above ground level by removing selected lower secondary growth and smaller diameter branches to provide clearance beneath the canopy.

Remove 3 lower primary lateral boughs extending excessively into neighbouring gardens, as highlighted, back to suitable pruning points in accordance with BS3998 recommendations.

Option 2 – Pollard

Carry out a pollard of the mature Horse Chestnut tree, reducing the tree to a finished height of approximately 10–12 metres above ground level. Final pruning points to retain a balanced framework suitable for future cyclical management and regrowth.

Remove all resultant upper crown growth as necessary to form a uniform and stable pollard framework whilst retaining the main scaffold limbs where appropriate.

Remove 3 lower primary lateral boughs extending excessively into neighbouring gardens, as highlighted, back to the main stem.

All works to be carried out in accordance with BS3998:2010 – Tree Work Recommendations.

Reason for Works

The proposed works are requested due to the tree's significant size and close proximity to three neighbouring residential properties. The lower lateral boughs identified for removal extend heavily over surrounding gardens, are positioned at a relatively low height and carry substantial end weight over regularly used areas.

The proposed works are intended to reduce end weight, improve safety and clearance to neighbouring properties and gardens, and mitigate foreseeable risk to residents and children using the areas beneath the tree, whilst retaining the tree in a safe and manageable form.

In the event of limb failure there is a foreseeable risk of property damage, including to a garage beneath part of the canopy spread. Of greater concern, however, is the risk of personal injury.

There has also been a recent branch failure involving a mature Horse Chestnut elsewhere on the estate. Fortunately no injuries occurred, however the incident highlights what neighbouring residents consider to be a foreseeable risk associated with large overextended lateral limbs above occupied residential gardens.

The affected gardens are regularly used by young families, including several children under the age of 10 who frequently play beneath the canopy. Given the extent of overhang and weight loading on the lower limbs, the applicants consider the proposed works to be reasonable and proportionate in order to reduce foreseeable risk whilst retaining the tree in an appropriate form.

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

If No, please provide the address of the owner (if known and if different from the tree location)

Name/Company

Title

***** REDACTED *****

First name

***** REDACTED *****

Surname

***** REDACTED *****

Company Name

Address

Number

17

Suffix

Property Name

Address line 1

Kensington Avenue

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

Postcode

Contact Details

Primary number

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

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

Connor Gardner

Date

02/06/2026