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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

32

Suffix

Property Name

Address Line 1

Northumberland Avenue

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Town/city

Market Bosworth

Postcode

CV13 0RJ

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

Easting (x)

440394

Northing (y)

302785

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

Robert

Surname

Chenery

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

32 Northumberland Avenue

Address line 2

Northumberland Avenue

Address line 3

Town/City

Market Bosworth

County

Country

Postcode

CV13 0RJ

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

I am writing to formally request permission for essential remedial works on a mature oak tree (Oak T1) covered by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) to ensure the safety of our family and property while preserving the tree's health and natural beauty.

I am also requesting the removal of a single limb from a Copper Beach (Beach T2) overhanging our glass balcony that is severely damaged and in risk of falling.

Approximately 4 years ago, the Council's Tree Officer assessed the tree (Oak T1) as healthy. However, concerns have since arisen due to its noticeable tilt and imbalanced crown, with most of its weight on one side.

6 years ago, we faced challenges in obtaining home insurance largely because of the tree's close proximity to our house. Furthermore, we intended to submit a planning application for an extension that would have extended into the tree's root protection area. Our architect sought advice from an arboriculturist who recommended the removal of the tree due to its size and lean. Fortunately, the Council Tree Officer subsequently verified its safety, enabling us to obtain insurance and move forward with our extension plans.

Given past disagreements with arboriculturists, we prefer direct communication with the Tree Officer. Our application seeks permission for essential remedial works, including pruning, crown reduction, and the removal of dead or dangerous branches. These measures are vital for the tree's health, our family's well-being, and our property's protection.

A full crown reduction to approximately 12 meters above ground level will help balance the tree and mitigate health and safety risks posed by bird guano. Pigeon droppings can contain toxins leading to diseases such as Cryptococcosis, Histoplasmosis, and Psittacosis when inhaled, posing health risks, especially for those, like me, with autoimmune disorders and children.

The tree's annual shedding of acorns during autumn disrupts our sleep and has caused property damage. With a 4-meter base circumference and just 5 meters from our house, its proximity raises concerns.

We value the oak tree but believe a balance between preservation and safety is crucial. We request permission to remove branches overhanging our house, reduce the crown, and remove dead limbs for overall health and safety improvements.

We have attached diagrams explaining our proposed works and a quote from Chalky Tree Services, estimating the cost at £2500 last year. While this expense is substantial, we view it as an investment in our safety, well-being, and the tree's long term health.

In conclusion, we appreciate having this oak tree in our garden but aim to contain debris and bird guano within the garden, preventing property damage and addressing health and safety concerns. We welcome a site visit with the Tree Officer if necessary

Thank you for your consideration in achieving a balance between preserving our natural environment and safeguarding our family and property within Hinckley and Bosworth.

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

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Date

20/12/2023