

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Notification of decision in respect of proposed work to tree(s)

REFUSAL OF CONSENT TO CARRY OUT WORK TO TREE(S) PROTECTED BY A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

Name and Address of Applicant

Mr Joshua Blurton
Hairy Bear Tree Surgery Limited
63 Wykin Road
Hinckley
Leicestershire
LE10 0HU

Part I - Particulars of Application

Name and Address of Agent (if any)

Mr Joshua Blurton
Hairy Bear Tree Surgery Limited
63 Wykin Road
Hinckley
LE10 0HU

Date of Application

18 June 2024

Application No.

24/00607/TPO

Particulars and location of proposed work :

(T1 & T2) - Beech trees - Reduction to leave the trees at 5-6 metres in height.

19 Welbeck Avenue Burbage Hinckley Leicestershire LE10 2JH

Part II

The trees affected by the proposed work are protected by THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BURBAGE (SKETCHLEY HOUSE) TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 1975 (Reference; 75/00002/TPORD).

Part III - Particulars of decision

The Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council hereby refuses consent to the work proposed in the application referred to in Part 1 hereof in accordance with the application form and plans submitted for the following reason:-

1. The proposed works to the Beech trees (T1 & T2) would have a significant, negative impact upon the overall character, appearance and visual amenity of the area, and would result in the damage to protected trees without proper justification. The proposal is contrary to Policy DM10 of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (2016), Policy 12 of the Burbage Neighbourhood Plan and paragraph 136 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Notes to applicant

- a.) The removal of dead wood from a living tree is permitted without prior notice or
IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ THE NOTES AT THE END OF THIS DOCUMENT

consent, however, we would remind you of the following notes.

- b.) It is a criminal offence to damage or destroy a bat roost. Therefore, if the tree is mature and has hollow cavities and / or is covered with ivy, or has suitable places in which bats might roost, we recommend that it be surveyed for bats before any work is carried out to the tree. All birds, their nests and eggs are protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act. We recommend that work to trees is done outside the bird-nesting season - i.e between the end of August and beginning March. If work to the tree is to be undertaken during the bird breeding season, we recommend that a suitably qualified ecologist surveys the tree for nesting birds. If nesting birds are present, work must be postponed until the young have left the nest.
- c.) It is necessary, when carrying out works to tree(s) to be aware of the WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT, 1981, whereby it is an offence for any person who intentionally takes, damages or destroys the nest of any wild bird, while the nest is in use or being built, or takes or destroys any eggs of such wild bird. The times when birds are nesting is generally between the months of March to September inclusive.

Date :- 1 November 2024



Christopher Brown MRTPI
Head of Planning

NOTES

1. Please quote the application number in all correspondence.
2. This decision relates either to tree(s) protected by a Tree Preservation Order or to tree(s) not so protected but which are situated in a Conservation Area. You will see which is the case by referring to Part 11 Overleaf.

3. Tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order

- (i) Where the Council has refused consent under the order or has granted such consent subject to conditions, or where the Council has given any certificate or direction, the applicant or the person directed, if he is aggrieved by their decision, or by any such certificate or direction may by notice of appeal to The Planning Inspectorate. (Notice of appeal must be given in writing within 28 days from receipt of notification of the decision. Appeal forms can be obtained from the Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, BRISTOL, BS1 6PN, tel. 0303 444 5000 or online at <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate>.)
- (ii) If any person suffers loss or damage in consequence of any refusal of consent under a tree preservation order or of any grant of such consent subject to conditions, he may be entitled to recover from the Council compensation in respect of such loss or damage provided that a claim is served on the Council in writing within 12 months of the decision of the Council or of The Planning Inspectorate on appeal and provided that the Council has not certified:
 - a) that the refusal or condition is in the interests of good forestry or
 - b) in the case of trees other than trees comprised in woodlands that the tree have an outstanding or special amenity value.

4. Trees in a Conservation Area

- (i) if consent has been granted you may commence work immediately. You must then complete the work within two years of your notice to the District Council, otherwise permission will expire and you will need to once again give six weeks notice.
- (ii) if the Council has refused consent, it will probably also have made a Tree Preservation Order (see part III overleaf) in respect of same or all of the trees. If it has the provisions relating to such orders will therefore apply.

5. Penalties

Any person contravening the provisions of a tree preservation order or the provisions of Section 211 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990, relating to trees in Conservation Areas by cutting down, or uprooting or wilfully destroying a tree or by wilfully damaging, topping or lopping a tree in such a manner as to be likely to destroy it is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £20,000, or on indictment to an unlimited fine. The penalty for other offences is a fine not exceeding £2,500 on summary conviction.