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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

1

Suffix

Property Name

Address Line 1

Paperhouse Close

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Rochdale

Town/city

Rochdale

Postcode

OL11 5LP

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

Easting (x)

385650

Northing (y)

414302

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')

'Land behind 16 Coal Bank
Fold, Rochdale, OL11 5NQ'.

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Stephen

Surname

Harley

Company Name

Envirocare maintenance solutions

Address

Address line 1

new inn farm dawson lane

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

leyland

County

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

PR25 5DB

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

***** REDACTED *****

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

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

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

Tree Survey & Condition Report
Walkers Tree Services
Professional Arboricultural Services
The Site:
Blackpits Road
Rochdale
OL11 5LP
Date: 00/00/2025
Ref: 064
Author: M Walker
Requested by:
Mr. Stephen Harley

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

. There are two trees which are the subject of this survey. Both are willow trees and are located on the northern side of a near sheer rock face behind the properties mentioned above. The image above is dated June 2023 is used to highlight the location and not the size of the trees

Concern over these trees has steadily increased as the trees have begun to extend over the public footpath and rear gardens of the properties as the trees are growing and rooted in unstable ground.

4.7. Measurements and observations of the trees were made on the 24 of January 2025, on that day there was a strong storm passing over the UK. Although sheltered from the main force of the passing storm there were enough microbursts and gusts travelling down the channel made by the rock face and the properties to cause substantial tree movement.

4.8. Currently the two trees are growing between 7 and 8 meters over the footpath and rear properties. Tree weight increases with size and loading on the roots anchoring the tree to the surface consequently increases.

4.9. The location of the trees, being on the northern face of the rock, limits the trees access to direct light. These trees do display some stretching for light as a consequence of their location. This lack of direct sunlight and with the only open sky, a source of indirect sunlight, being to the north will ensure continued stretched and extended growth pattern over footpath and toward the properties.

4.10. The amenity value of the tree is medium low. The tree does provide some green structure and is a curiosity, being in the side of the rock. However, this particular section of the boundary is predominantly rock and if the trees were removed or pollarded not much in the way of amenity would be lost. Given that their removal serves to protect people and property.

4.11. Tree location is here being classed as a significant defect, and combined with relatively high target value, public footpath and rear gardens to homes, the current weight and loading of the tree on unstable anchorage compounds tree failure risk and consequently is here being classed as a high risk of harm to public and property.

4.12. A pollard to 1.5 meters from the stem base is here being recommended to remove all risk of failure.

4.13. Willow will regrow. It is here being advised that removal of all new growth be undertaken every 3 to 4 years.

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

***** REDACTED *****

Address

Number

Suffix

Property Name

chelford house

Address line 1

rudheath way

Address line 2

gadbrook park

Address line 3

Town/City

northwich

Postcode

CW9 7LN

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

stephen harley

Date

20/03/2025

Amendments Summary

new location added