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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

Suffix

Property Name

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Town/city

Postcode

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

Easting (x)

Northing (y)

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

Neil

Surname

Hickford

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

Mayroyd Norden Road

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

Rochdale

County

Rochdale

Country

Postcode

OL11 5PT

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

T13 - Horse Chestnut, Aesculus hippocastanum.

T8 - Horse Chestnut, Aesculus hippocastanum.

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

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

T13 - Horse Chestnut, Aesculus Hippocastanum. This application seeks consent to remove a single lateral limb, approximately 200 mm (8 inches) in diameter at its point of attachment to the main stem, from the mature Horse Chestnut (T13).

The limb extends at a relatively low height over the property's driveway, directly above an area used for parking vehicles and in close proximity to the property's electric entrance gates. The applicant is concerned that, should the limb fail, it could result in damage to vehicles and property, and present a risk to those using the driveway.

In addition, the tree has been subject to substantial crown reduction on the side adjoining the neighbouring property, resulting in an uneven crown and an apparent imbalance in the tree's weight distribution, as shown in the accompanying photographs. While the proposed removal of this single limb will not fully counteract the asymmetry created by the previous reduction, it will reduce the loading on a prominent low-growing branch over a frequently used area and help to lessen the potential risk associated with limb failure.

The proposed works are limited to the removal of this single limb only and are intended to improve safety while retaining the overall form, health and amenity value of this protected tree.

T8 - Horse Chestnut, Aesculus hippocastanum. This application, again, seeks consent to remove a single over-extended lateral limb, approximately 150 mm (6 inches) in diameter at its point of attachment to the main stem, from the mature Horse Chestnut (T8).

The limb extends at a low height over the adjacent tennis court and has become excessively elongated. The proposed works are intended to reduce the risk of branch failure over an area that is regularly used while maintaining the health and structural integrity of the tree.

The removal of this single limb is considered proportionate and will not adversely affect the overall form, balance or amenity value of the tree. The remainder of the crown will be retained, preserving the character and contribution of this protected tree to the surrounding landscape.

All pruning works will be carried out in accordance with BS 3998:2010 – Tree Work – Recommendations, using appropriate pruning techniques and correct pruning cuts to promote effective wound occlusion and the long-term health of the tree.

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

Finn Newall

Date

13/07/2026