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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)
<input type="text" value="526438"/>	<input type="text" value="186020"/>

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

Ben

Surname

Robson

Company Name

Loci Pubs

Address

Address line 1

23-25 New End

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

London

County

Camden

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

NW3 1JD

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes

No

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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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

If Yes, you are required to provide for:

- **Subsidence** - A report by an engineer or surveyor, to include a description of damage, vegetation, monitoring data, soil, roots and repair proposals. Also a report from an arboriculturist to support the tree work proposals.
- **Other structural damage** (e.g. drains walls and hard surfaces) - Written technical evidence from an appropriate expert, including description of damage and possible solutions.

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

A1-A6

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

T1 is a 16m mature ash tree and is subject to a Tree Preservation Order. It has been heavily pruned previously, and all regrowth shows signs of wilting and black shrivelled shoots. All classic signs of ash dieback. The dieback has caused significant deadwood throughout the crown. The client informed me of at least three occasions when regrowth measuring roughly 5x300cm has snapped out and landed within the courtyard (shown in photo A4). During my visit there were several similar sized pieces of regrowth on top of the tent covering the courtyard, and more smaller pieces at the base of the trunk. This will be a continual problem and due to the high footfall within the courtyard from customers drinking there, there is a significant risk of someone being injured by falling deadwood. This was also noted in the Arb report dated 30 September 2024 (saved as A1 in supporting documents).

In addition, during autumn the falling leaves from this ash will spread around the neighbourhood, increasing the risk dieback will be spread to young ash saplings. Due to the proximity to the Heath and the abundance of ash growing there, this is not ideal. I understand a Camden tree officer has already made a site visit and has indicated that they would support the removal of this ash tree.

At the base of the tree (35cm from trunk) is a wall that runs up to the stables at the rear of the courtyard. This wall is Grade II listed and is bowing out into the alleyway. Camden council have placed an enforcement order to rebuild this wall. To rebuild the wall foundations will need to be dug. If there was to be significant digging at the base of the tree there would be significant damage to the tree's root system. Where the wall is, and the foundations would have to be, is too close to consider root pruning and a root barrier. The only option would be to remove the tree, grind out the root ball and rebuild the wall with foundations. Once the wall has been satisfactorily rebuilt, the client will replant within a raised planter. I am recommending a rowan of at least 3.5m and a 60lt root ball, but I am open to suggestions from the Tree Officer.

During the site visit I also observed various signs that the root system of the ash tree is contributing to subsidence issues at the rear of the pub. There were several horizontal cracks within the wall and paving slabs lifted. This is also mentioned within the Arb report (A1) and shown within the photographs (A5 and A6).

In conclusion, if you were facing only one of these issues there may be an argument to pursue a different path, but facing all three the only viable option is removing the ash tree as soon as possible, grinding out the root ball and replanting a significant native 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

John Barker

Date

17/01/2025