REFERENCE NO: CR/2019/0209/TPO

LOCATION:FAIRFIELD HOUSE, WEST GREEN DRIVE, WEST GREEN, CRAWLEYWARD:Northgate & West GreenPROPOSAL:PRUNE BACK BRANCHES OVERHANGING FOOTPATH BY 1.5 METRES TO
APPROPRIATE GROWTH POINTS (AMENDED DESCRIPTION)

TARGET DECISION DATE: 27 May 2019

CASE OFFICER: Mr R. Spurrell

APPLICANTS NAME: Crawley Borough Council **AGENTS NAME:**

REASON FOR REPORTING TO COMMITTEE:-

This is a Crawley Borough Council application.

PLANNING HISTORY:-

TPO REF: 16.12.15, TPO NUM: A1

PLANNING POLICY:-

This application must be considered in the context of Part VIII of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulation 2012.

National Planning Practice Guidance – Tree Preservation Orders and trees in conservation areas.

The Council's Green Infrastructure Supplementary Planning Document (2016) is a non-statutory document.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:-

The determining issues in this application are the effect of the proposal on the health, character and appearance of the trees and the level of amenity that they provide within the surrounding area.

Contribution to public visual amenity	Good – The trees group value forms an important screen between the houses in Sunnymead and Fairfield House flatted development.
Estimated remaining contribution	100+ years
Are works justified?	Yes

The trees are located adjacent to the footpath that runs between 88 Sunnymead and Fairfield House. The trees in this area are a mix of species including, but not limited to, Hazel, Ash and Cherry. The trees form an important screen between Sunnymead and the relatively new development of Fairfield House. The trees are overhanging the footpath and the pruning back is sought to give adequate clearance and allow easy use of the footpath. The works are not expected to negatively impact upon this screening as the

resultant retained canopies of the trees would remain a significant feature. The works will have a negligible impact on tree health and are therefore considered to be justified.

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Consent - subject to the following conditions:

1. This consent is valid for a period of two years from the date of this notice and shall only be carried out once.

REASON: To enable the Local Planning Authority to control the works in the interests of good tree management in accordance with Regulation 17 of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012.

2. All works should be carried out in accordance with BS3998: 2010 'Tree Work Recommendations'. REASON: In the interests of visual amenity and to ensure the continuing health of the tree(s) in accordance with The Town & Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012.

