

**REFERENCE NO: CR/2020/0326/TPO**

**LOCATION:** [FOOTPATH ADJACENT TO SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF SEYMOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL AND TO NORTH OF PELHAM COURT BUSINESS CENTRE, BROADFIELD, CRAWLEY](#)

**WARD:** Broadfield

**PROPOSAL:** OAK X 20, HAWTHORN X 2, HAZEL X 15, HOLLY X 3, ROWAN X 3, BEECH X 6, BIRCH X 23, GOAT WILLOW X 1, WILLOW X 2, HORNBEAM X 1, LIME X 3. THIN UNDERGROWTH TO ALLOW DETAILED INSPECTION OF TREES. MIXED BROADLEAVES - CROWN LIFT TO 2M FROM GROUND LEVEL TO CLEAR FOOTPATH. COPPICE - HAZEL

**TARGET DECISION DATE:** 10 August 2020

**CASE OFFICER:** Mr R. Spurrell

**APPLICANT'S NAME:** Mr James Ireland

**AGENT'S NAME:**

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**PLANS & DRAWINGS CONSIDERED:**

Drawing Number	Revision	Drawing Title
118600		Tree Plan .pdf

**REASON FOR REPORTING TO COMMITTEE:-**

CBC is the applicant

**PUBLICITY AND RESPONSES**

The proposed tree works were advertised via display of a site notice. No responses were received.

**THE APPLICATION SITE:**

- 1.1 The application site relates to a belt of trees which extend east / west along a footpath which separates Seymour Primary School from Pelham Court Business Centre. The trees are somewhat overgrown and do not appear to have had recent maintenance.

**PLANNING HISTORY:-**

- 2.1 None

**PLANNING POLICY:-**

- 3.1 The trees are protected under the Crawley Borough 'Broadfield North School' Tree Preservation Order confirmed in 1987 (REF: 16.13.05, Number A2 (several species of Oak, Birch, Holly, Hazel and Hawthorn)).
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 National Planning Practice Guidance – Tree Preservation Orders and trees in conservation areas.

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

**PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:-**

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 OAK X 20, HAWTHORN X 2, HAZEL X 15, HOLLY X 3, ROWAN X 3, BEECH X 6, BIRCH X 23, GOAT WILLOW X 1, WILLOW X 2, HORNBEAM X 1, LIME X 3. THIN UNDERGROWTH TO ALLOW DETAILED INSPECTION OF TREES.  
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Contribution to public visual amenity	Good – trees form an important screen between the footpath and Pelham Court Business Centre and the adjacent school
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Estimated remaining contribution	100+ yrs
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Are works justified?	Yes
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- 4.3 The trees form a landscaped belt along the boundary between the southern boundary of Seymour Primary School and the adjacent footpath that runs east-west beyond (which is Pelham Court Business Centre). The crowns of the trees are very low over the footpath and require crown lifting to allow adequate clearance for pedestrians. It is also proposed to re-coppice the Hazel which is a common form of management for the species.
- 4.4 The undergrowth also requires some clearance in order to allow a thorough assessment of the larger trees the bases of which are largely obscured to ensure these are healthy and stable. While some lower level screening will be lost as a result, this clearance is considered necessary in the interests of good tree maintenance.
- 4.5 here will be some limited loss of amenity due to the proposed low level clearance works and the hazel coppicing but this is considered justified.

**RECOMMENDATION RE: CR/2020/0326/TPO**

CONSENT - Subject to the following condition(s):-

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.



# ArcGIS Web Map

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