

REFERENCE NO: CR/2020/0526/TPO

LOCATION: [5 DENE TYE, POUND HILL, CRAWLEY](#)
WARD: Pound Hill South and Worth
PROPOSAL: T1 ASH - FELL & GRIND OUT STUMPS

TARGET DECISION DATE: 19 October 2020

CASE OFFICER: Mr R. Spurrell

APPLICANT'S NAME: Mrs N Mahmood
AGENT'S NAME: SPW Tree Surgeons

PLANS & DRAWINGS CONSIDERED:

Drawing Number	Revision	Drawing Title
CBC0001		Tree Plan

REASON FOR REPORTING TO COMMITTEE:-

The applicant is a CBC employee.

SITE PHOTO:-



PLANNING HISTORY:-

- 1.1 CR/2009/0289/TPO – ASH - POLLARD
- 1.2 CR/2003/0512/TPO – MOUNTAIN ASH - REDUCE THE CROWN BY 30%, REMOVE DEADWOOD AND CUT IVY STEMS GROWING ON MAIN TRUNK

PLANNING POLICY:-

- 2.1 TPO REF: 16.08.06, TPO NUM: T48
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 National Planning Practice Guidance – Tree Preservation Orders and trees in conservation areas.
- 2.4 The Council's Green Infrastructure Supplementary Planning Document (2016) is a non-statutory document.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:-

- 3.1 The determining issues in this application are the effect of the proposal on the health, character and appearance of the tree and the level of amenity that it provides within the surrounding area.

- 3.2 T1 ASH - FELL & GRIND OUT STUMPS

Contribution to public visual amenity	Reasonable – the tree has good visibility but is in decline.
Estimated remaining contribution	<10 yrs
Are works justified?	Yes

Site Inspection/Tree Condition

- 3.3 The tree is located in the rear garden. The tree appeared to be in decline, likely due to Ash dieback and there were a great many small to medium sized branches laying on the ground suggesting that the tree's crown is dying back. Upon inspection lesions were observed on the fallen branches consistent with Ash dieback and it is most likely that the tree will continue to decline throughout the next growing season. This is a serious disease which is threatening Ash populations and the tree should therefore be removed to help prevent the spread.

Amenity Assessment

- 3.4 The tree due to its overall size has good visibility in the wider area and would have had strong amenity before it started to decline and should therefore be replaced. Due to the close proximity of the original tree to the house it is suggested that the replacement is planted further towards the end of the rear garden. It is not considered that this slight relocation would negatively impact on the replacement tree's visibility or contribution to amenity.

Replacement tree

- 3.5 A Birch tree is recommended as they are attractive, native and proportionally more appropriate to the garden as they are more slender and less spreading than Ash yet will still achieve a mature height of some 18 metres, they are relatively short lived at around 70-80 years however this is still considered a good useful life expectancy and they are fast growing so will achieve an appreciable height within around 10 years. A 'nursery standard' sized tree is recommended which at a height of 2-3m and a growth rate of 40cm per year the replacement tree will obtain a height of around 6-7m within 10 years.

RECOMMENDATION RE: CR/2020/0526/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.
3. Within 12 months of the felling of the tree, the owner of the land shall plant a Silver Birch tree, within the rear garden of 5 Dene Tye. The tree shall be not less than nursery standard size (250 - 300cm in height) and conform to British Standard 3936: Nursery Stock Specification. In the event that the tree dies within five years following such planting, it shall be replaced with a similar tree in a similar position during the next planting season.
REASON: In the interests of the amenity of environment of the locality in accordance with The Town & Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012.



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