

LOCATION: [MILTON MOUNT LAKE, GRATTONS DRIVE, POUND HILL, CRAWLEY](#)
WARD: Pound Hill North & Forge Wood
PROPOSAL: MAPLE (050202) AND 6 X MAPLES 9176/9259/9235/9236/9238/9237 - SECTIONAL FELLING/RESTRICTED FELL.
OAK 9192 - CROWN LIFT TO 2M FROM GROUND LEVEL SOUTH SIDE. CROWN REDUCTION BY 1.5M TO APPROPRIATE GROWTH POINTS ON SOUTH SIDE. REMOVAL OF DEADWOOD. REMOVAL OF MAJOR DEADWOOD (30MM+).
OAK 9184 - CROWN LIFT TO 2M FROM GROUND LEVEL WEST SIDE. CROWN REDUCTION BY 1.5M TO APPROPRIATE GROWTH POINT ON WEST SIDE. REMOVAL OF DEAD WOOD. REMOVAL OF MAJOR DEAD WOOD (30MM+).
OAK 9193 - CROWN LIFT TO 2M FROM GROUND LEVEL WEST SIDE. REMOVAL OF DEAD WOOD. REMOVAL OF MAJOR DEADWOOD (30MM+).
OAK 9185 - CROWN LIFT TO 2M FROM GROUND LEVEL WEST SIDE. REMOVAL OF DEAD WOOD. REMOVAL OF MAJOR DEADWOOD (30MM+). SEVER IVY.
OAK 9190 - CROWN LIFT TO 2M FROM GROUND LEVEL. REMOVAL OF DEAD WOOD. REMOVAL OF MAJOR DEADWOOD (30MM+).
ROWAN WHITEBEAM 9124 - SECTIONAL FELLING/RESTRICTED FELL.
6 X HAZEL (050394 , 050397,126000, 126003,126006 AND 126093) - COPPICE
ASH 9167 - CROWN REDUCTION 1.5M TO 2M ON WEST SIDE
YEW 9115 – CROWN LIFTING. CROWN REDUCTION 1.5M TO 2M ON WEST SIDE.
BIRCH 6681 - CROWN REDUCTION 1.5M ON WEST SIDE FROM FENCE LINE BOUNDARY TO APPROPRIATE GROWTH POINTS.
ALDER 9362 - CROWN REDUCTION 1.5M FROM FENCE LINE BOUNDARY TO APPROPRIATE GROWTH POINTS.
ALDER 9262 - CROWN REDUCTION 1.5M FROM FENCE LINE BOUNDARY TO APPROPRIATE GROWTH POINTS. REMOVAL OF BASAL/EPICORMIC GROWTH.
MAPLE 9260 - CROWN THIN BY 20%.
(AMENDED DESCRIPTION)

TARGET DECISION DATE: 7 December 2020

CASE OFFICER: Mr R. Spurrell

APPLICANTS NAME: Crawley Borough Council

AGENTS NAME:

PLANS & DRAWINGS CONSIDERED:

Drawing Number	Revision	Drawing Title
0653		Tree Plan

REASON FOR REPORTING TO COMMITTEE:-

CBC is the applicant.

NOTIFICATIONS / PUBLICITY:-

The works were advertised by a site notice. No responses were received.

PLANNING HISTORY:-

- 1.1 There is extensive planning history for works to trees within the park. There does not appear to be any specific planning history in respect to these trees.

PLANNING POLICY:-

- 2.1 The trees are protected under the Milton Mount No. 1 Tree Preservation Order (TPO REF: 16.07.04)
- 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 trees and the level of amenity that they provide within the surrounding area.

Contribution to public visual amenity Good – all the trees make a good contribution to the green amenity of the lake and parkland setting

Are works justified? Yes

- 3.2 The trees the subject of this application are located on the western side of Milton Mount lake, along the rear boundaries of numbers 106 to 132 Grattons Drive and on an area of land in-between numbers 106 and 104 Grattons Drive which provides a western entrance to the park.
- Maples 050202, 9176, 9259, 9235, 9236, 9238 & 9237 (to the rear of 118 and 120 Grattons Drive) as well as Rowan 9124 (to the side of 106 Grattons Drive) all require felling due to poor condition and significant dieback, these trees are adjacent to the public footpath or a garden boundary and are considered should be removed for safety reasons.
 - Ash 9167, Yew 9115, Birch 6681 & Alders 9362 & 9262 (to the rear of 106 to 120 Grattons Drive) all require the branches overhanging the adjacent private properties to be pruned back to reduce the overhang in the gardens.
 - Hazels 050394, 050397, 126000, 126003, 126006 & 126093 require re-coppicing for good general management, this is a common and acceptable way of managing Hazel.
 - Oaks 9184, 9193, 9192, 9185 & 9190 (between 104 and 106 Grattons Drive) require crown lifting in order to give the proper clearances over the footpaths/road and in the case of 9192 & 9184 they require the branches extending towards the adjacent building to be pruned back for clearance.
 - Western Red Cedar 9199 was originally included in the application seeking consent for a 2m crown lift however no valid justification was given for the works which it is considered would have a detrimental impact on the amenity of the tree, the works are not therefore considered justified and have been omitted from this application.
- 3.3 All the pruning works are required for general maintenance and containment and are not considered to result in the loss of any amenity or have any negative impact on the health of the trees.
- 3.4 The proposed trees to be felled (except the rowan which is a poor suppressed specimen) will require replacing in order to preserve the tree cover and prevent the erosion of the green amenity of the parkland. The group of maples are mature specimens which due to their height have visual presence in the parkland as an important tree group.

RECOMMENDATION RE: CR/2020/0653/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 trees 050202, 9176, 9259, 9235, 9236, 9238 and 9237 - Maple, the owner of the land shall plant 7 Maple trees in a location as close to the felled trees as practical. The trees shall be not less than nursery standard size and confirm to British Standards 3936:Nursery Stock Specification. In the event that the trees die within five years following such planting, they shall be replaced with similar trees 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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