CRAWLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE - 9 March 2021

REPORT NO: PES/360(a)

REFERENCE NO: CR/2020/0765/TPO

LOCATION: NEWTIMBER CLOSE, SOUTHGATE, CRAWLEY

WARD: Southgate

PROPOSAL: OAK 9319 - REMOVAL OF DEAD WOOD. REDUCTION OF INDIVIDUAL BRANCHES

NORTH SIDE BY 1.5M FROM BUILDING/FOOTPATH TO APPROPRIATE GROWTH

POINTS.

OAK 9307 - CROWN THIN BY 10%. REMOVAL OF DEAD WOOD. CLEAR FROM

AROUND STREET LIGHT 1.5M TO APPROPRIATE GROWTH POINTS

TARGET DECISION DATE: 19 January 2021

CASE OFFICER: Mr R. Spurrell

APPLICANT'S NAME: Crawley Borough Council

AGENT'S NAME:

PLANS & DRAWINGS CONSIDERED:

Drawing Number	Revision	Drawing Title
CBC0001		Tree Plan

REASON FOR REPORTING TO COMMITTEE:-

CBC is the applicant.

PUBLICITY AND NOTIFICATION: -

The application was advertised via a site notice. No responses were received.

PLANNING HISTORY:-

- 1.1 None.
- 1.2 The oaks are protected under the Old Horsham Road No.3 Tree Preservation Order (P16.9.63) served in 2013. The specimens are identified as T5 (this application reference 9307) and T6 (this application reference 9319) on the Tree Preservation Order.

PLANNING POLICY:-

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 National Planning Practice Guidance Tree Preservation Orders and trees in conservation areas.
- 2.3 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. The following works are proposed:
 - Oak 9319 (T6) removal of dead wood. Reduction of individual branches north side by 1.5m from building/footpath to appropriate growth points.
 - Oak 9307(T5) crown thin by 10%. Removal of dead wood. Clear from around street light 1.5m to appropriate growth points

Contribution to public visual amenity Good – trees make a solid contribution to the green

amenity and help soften the appearance of the

relatively new residential development

Estimated remaining contribution 100+ yrs

Are works justified?

- 3.2 The trees are located towards the north eastern end of Newtimber Close on the western site boundary. Oak 9319 requires the branches extending towards the adjacent property to the north to be pruned back in order to give adequate clearance from the building and adjacent footpath. Oak 9307 requires a 10% crown thin for general maintenance and to have the branches obstructing the street light pruned again to give adequate clearance.
- 3.3 The works are minor and will have a negligible impact on tree health and amenity and are therefore justified.

RECOMMENDATION RE: CR/2020/0765/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.



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