**REFERENCE NO: CR/2021/0817/TPO**

**LOCATION:** LAND PARCEL ADJACENT TO 6 SOMERVILLE DRIVE, POUND HILL, CRAWLEY
**WARD:** Pound Hill North & Forge Wood
**PROPOSAL:** OAK 143552 - SECTION FELL

**TARGET DECISION DATE:** 3 January 2022

**CASE OFFICER:** Mr R. Spurrell

**APPLICANT'S NAME:** Crawley Borough Council
**AGENT'S NAME:**

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**PLANS & DRAWINGS CONSIDERED:-**

| Drawing Number | Revision | Drawing Title |
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| CBC0001 | | TPO - Oak - Land Parcel Adjacent 6 Somerville Drive- Planning report.pdf |

**REASON FOR REPORTING TO COMMITTEE:-**

Crawley Borough Council is the applicant.

**PLANNING HISTORY:-**

1.1    CR/2014/0606/TPO - T174 (OAK) - CROWN REDUCE BY NO MORE THAN 2M OF CURRENT BRANCH LENGTH, T173 (OAK) - CROWN REDUCE BY NO MORE THAN 1.5M OF CURRENT BRANCH LENGTH

**PLANNING POLICY:-**

2.1    TPO REF: 16.07.04, TPO NUM: T171

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    OAK 143552 - SECTION FELL

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| Contribution to public visual amenity with 90% of the crown dead | Limited – the tree is moribund and in severe decline |
| Estimated remaining contribution | 0 yrs |
| Are works justified? | Yes |

3.3    The tree is located on Crawley Borough Council owned amenity land adjacent to 6 Somerville Drive. The tree is infected with advanced bleeding canker which has resulted in approximately 90% of the crown dying.  Bleeding canker effects the sapwood of the tree resulting in crown death – when advanced, as in this case, it can affect enough of the stem to impact and kill the entire crown.  It is likely that other stressors have contributed.  It is therefore considered that the tree requires removal for safety reasons.

3.4    The tree should be replaced with another oak tree in a similar location.  The chances of the replacement tree becoming infected with bleeding canker are negligible and the replacement can therefore be planted close by.  Due to the space available it will not be necessary to grind out the stump and replace in exactly the same position, rather the replacement tree can be planted further forward, towards the middle of the land as there is plenty of space available.


**RECOMMENDATION RE: CR/2021/0817/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 an Oak tree, in a location as close to the felled tree as practical and within the land adjacent to 6 Somerville Drive. The tree shall be not less than nursery standard size and conform to British Standard 39036: 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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