

REFERENCE NO: CR/2022/0582/TPO

LOCATION: [8 HAVERSHAM CLOSE, THREE BRIDGES, CRAWLEY](#)
WARD: Three Bridges
PROPOSAL: T1 SYCAMORE: REDUCE HEIGHT AND CROWN RADIUS BY A MAXIMUM OF 2 METRES TO NEAREST APPROPRIATE GROWTH POINTS (AMENDED DESCRIPTION)

TARGET DECISION DATE: 7 November 2022

CASE OFFICER: Mr R. Spurrell

APPLICANT'S NAME: Mr & Mrs R Burgess
AGENT'S NAME: County Tree Surgeons Ltd

PLANS & DRAWINGS CONSIDERED:-

Drawing Number	Revision	Drawing Title
CBC 0001		Tree Plan

REASON FOR REPORTING TO COMMITTEE:-

The applicant is a councillor.

PLANNING HISTORY:-

- 1.1 The relevant Tree Preservation Order (TPO) is 'Three Bridges Road Number 4' confirmed in 1989 reference P16.10.13. The tree the subject of this application is identified as T6 on the Order (labelled T1 on this application).
- 1.2 Consent has recently been given under application CR/2022/0034/TPO for the following tree works for other trees within the applicant's garden:
 - T1 sycamore: remove secondary sucker growth & smaller stem (circa 50 - 75mm) encroaching garage & car parking area. Crown spread of tree to remain unaffected.
 - T2 sycamore: lateral prune south aspect over property by approx. 1.5m to appropriate growth points to ensure minimum of 2m clearance from house. Remaining crown spread of approx. 3m.
 - T3 oak: crown reduce by approx. 2m to appropriate pruning points. Final height of approx. 10m & crown spread of approx. 5m on all aspects.
- 1.3 The trees within the garden have been the subject of regular applications for pruning at regular intervals including in 2015, 2009, and 2001.

PLANNING POLICY:-

- 2.1 This application must be considered in the context of the following legislation:
 - Part VIII of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulation 2012.
 - National Planning Practice Guidance – Tree Preservation Orders and trees in conservation areas.
 - Green Infrastructure Supplementary Planning Document (2016) produced to accompany the current adopted Local Plan and is a non-statutory document.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:-

- 3.1 The determining issues in this application are the effect of the proposed works on the health, character and appearance of the tree and the level of amenity that it provides within the surrounding area.
- 3.2 The tree is located in the rear garden of 8 Haversham Close, on the boundary with the adjacent school. The tree makes a good contribution to public visual amenity forming part of the landscaped tree boundary with the school to the north. It has a life expectancy of 100+ years.
- 3.3 The tree has grown large and requires containment pruning in order to maintain it at a more appropriate size for its surroundings. This tree was meant to be included in the previous application ref: CR/2022/0034/TPO but was accidentally omitted from the application form.
- 3.4 As stated, this is a large tree and the specified works are considered to have a negligible impact on tree health and its amenity and are therefore justified.
- 3.5 This current application also included similar works to the adjacent oak which requires a crown reduction due to it leaning alarmingly over the neighbouring property. This oak tree however is not the subject of a TPO and due to its condition is not worthy of being protected. It has therefore been omitted from the description of works on this application.

RECOMMENDATION RE: CR/2022/0582/TPO:-

CONSENT - subject to the following conditions:-

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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