

REFERENCE NO: CR/2022/0596/TPO

LOCATION: [STRIP OF LAND OFF THE RIDINGS, POUND HILL, CRAWLEY](#)

WARD: Pound Hill South and Worth

PROPOSAL: CHESTNUT 6790, 6791, 6792, 6797, 6794, 6796, 6795, 6798, 6800, 6799, 6789, 6788, 6824, 6779, 9201, 6719, 6714, 6729, 6738, 6722, 6742, 6713, 6751, 6717, 6746, 6712, 6755, 6724, 6702, 6726, 6733, 6705, 6730, 6787, 6783, 6786, 6753, 6767, 6768, 6704, 6770, 6771, 6772, 6774, 6776, 6775, 6782, 9202, 9141, 9144, 9139, 9138, 9137, 9136, 9135, 9134, 9133, 9132, 9131, 9130, 9129, 9128, 9127, 9126, 9125, 9124, 9123, 9122, 9121, 9120, 9119, 9118, 9117, 9116, 9115, 9114, 9101, 9111, 9140, 9103, 9110, 9108, 7604, 7605, 7606, 7609, 9113, 9112, 7612, 7611, 7610, 7607, 7603, 7602, 7601, 9102, 9107, 9109, 9106, AND 0139 - REMOVAL OF BASAL/EPICORMIC GROWTH AND RE-POLLARD.

CHESTNUT 6732, 9145 - RE-POLLARD.

CHESTNUT 6735, 6748, 6769, 9204, 7608, 9105 - SECTIONAL FELL

TARGET DECISION DATE: 16 November 2022

CASE OFFICER: Mr R. Spurrell

APPLICANT'S NAME: Crawley Borough Council

AGENT'S NAME: Crawley Borough Council

PLANS & DRAWINGS CONSIDERED:-

Drawing Number	Revision	Drawing Title
CBC 0001		Tree Plan

REASON FOR REPORTING TO COMMITTEE:-

Crawley Borough Council is the applicant

PUBLICITY / NOTIFICATION:-

As the Council is the applicant, notification is required by way of a site notice. The consultation expiry period ends on 1st December 2022.

PLANNING HISTORY:-

- 1.1 CR/2004/0588/TPO - RE-POLLARD TREES ALONG HORSE CHESTNUT AVENUE TO ORIGINAL CUTS – consented September 2004.
- 1.2 CR/1996/0616/TPO - RE-POLLARD AVENUE OF HORSE CHESTNUT TREES IN G1 AND G2 - consented February 1997.
- 1.3 The trees are protected under Tree Preservation Order Reference 16.08.23 'Worth Number 1' served in 1979. The trees are within groups G1 and G2.

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 trees and the level of amenity that they provide within the surrounding area.
- 3.2 The trees (circa 110 specimens) line each side of the path to form an attractive tree lined avenue though this residential part of Pound Hill and provide a strong green feature within the area and positive contribution to visual amenity. The trees have been on a pollard cycle for many years and are now in need of re-pollarding as the regrowth is now beginning to get heavy and over-extended. Once on a pollard cycle, trees must be re-pollarded at regular intervals in order to avoid the regrowth failing and splitting out at the pollard points. The works are therefore required for safety reasons.
- 3.3 Six of the trees – numbers 6735, 6748, 6769, 9204, 7608 and 9105 – require removal due to their poor condition and/or infection with fungal decay. The removal of these specimens is justified however, these trees should be replaced in order to maintain the avenue which is a well-known and important arboricultural feature in the area.
- 3.4 Horse chestnut responds well to pollarding and since these trees have been managed this way for many years the works will have no impact on tree health or amenity and are therefore justified.

RECOMMENDATION RE: CR/2022/0596/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 6735, 6748, 6769, 9204, 7608 and 9105, the owner of the land shall plant 6 no. horse chestnut trees, in a location as close to the felled trees as practical. The trees shall be not less than nursery standard size and conform to British Standard 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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