

**REFERENCE NO: CR/2022/0623/TPO**

**LOCATION:** [FRONT GARDEN OF 13 KEYMER ROAD, SOUTHGATE, CRAWLEY](#)  
**WARD:** Southgate  
**PROPOSAL:** OAK - CROWN REDUCTION OF A MAXIMUM OF 1.5 METRES TO NEAREST APPROPRIATE GROWTH POINTS. REMOVAL OF DEADWOOD (AMENDED DESCRIPTION)

**TARGET DECISION DATE:** 22 November 2022

**CASE OFFICER:** Mr R. Spurrell

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

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**PLANS & DRAWINGS CONSIDERED:-**

Drawing Number	Revision	Drawing Title
31000		Tree Plan

**REASON FOR REPORTING TO COMMITTEE:-**

Crawley Borough Council is the applicant.

**PUBLICITY / NOTIFICATION:-**

As CBC is the applicant, notification is required by way of a site notice. The consultation expiry period ends on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

**PLANNING HISTORY:-**

- 1.1 Previous applications for works to the tree are as follows:
  - CR/2018/0229/TPO – OAK - REDUCE HEIGHT AND CROWN RADIUS BY 1.5M TO APPROPRIATE GROWTH POINTS – Works consented June 2018.
  - CR/1998/0123/TPO – 25% REDUCTION AND DEADWOOD OAK (T1) – Works consented April 1998.
- 1.2 The tree is protected under Tree Preservation Order Reference 16.09.28 'Keymer Road Number 1', tree number T1 confirmed 1994.

**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 proposal on the health, character and appearance of the tree and the level of amenity that it provides within the surrounding area.
- 3.2 The oak tree is located in the front garden of 13 Keymer Road and is an attractive tree which makes a solid contribution to the green amenity of the area. Its estimated life expectancy is in excess of 100 years. The tree is large and in fairly close proximity to the house and therefore requires some containment pruning in order to manage the tree at a more appropriate size for its surroundings including increasing daylight into the nearby property.
- 3.3 The level of works comprising a 1.5 metre crown reduction are considered relatively minor, would have a negligible impact on tree health and amenity and are therefore considered justified. Removing deadwood from the tree does not require consent.
- 3.4 During the course of determination of the application, the description of works has been amended slightly to more tightly control the works to be undertaken, however the overall level of works that has been proposed to be undertaken has not been changed.

### **RECOMMENDATION RE: CR/2022/0623/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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