

REFERENCE NO: CR/2022/0709/TPO

LOCATION: [24 WALTON HEATH, POUND HILL, CRAWLEY](#)
WARD: Pound Hill North & Forge Wood
PROPOSAL: FALSE ACACIA (T1) - FELL DUE TO EXCESSIVE LEAN ACROSS HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH.
CHERRY PRUNUS - (T2) - FELL DUE TO DISEASE & PROXIMITY TO HIGHWAY & FOOTPATH.

TARGET DECISION DATE: 22 December 2022

CASE OFFICER: Mr R. Spurrell

APPLICANT'S NAME: Mr Barrie Fulbrook
AGENT'S NAME: Mr Barrie Fulbrook

PLANS & DRAWINGS CONSIDERED:-

Drawing Number	Revision	Drawing Title
CBC0001		Tree Plan

REASON FOR REPORTING TO COMMITTEE:-

The applicant is related to a member of CBC staff.

PLANNING HISTORY:-

- 1.1 The previous applications for works to protected trees at this address are as follows:
 - CR/1997/0507/TPO - REMOVAL OF SELECTED LATERAL BRANCHES OF MATURE OAK WHICH OVERHANG ROOF OF HOUSE – Consented September 1997
 - CR/548/1986T - FELL ONE FIR TREE – Consented November 1986
- 1.2 The trees are protected under Tree Preservation Order Reference 16.07.05 'Balcombe Road Number 4', Area A1.

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 trees and the level of amenity that they provide within the surrounding area.
- 3.2 Both the trees are located on amenity land adjacent to the parking area/turning head at the end of Walton Heath and along the eastern garden boundary with number 24 Walton Heath. Both trees

make a positive contribution to visual amenity and the wider woodland group along and near the boundary.

- 3.3 The false acacia is leaning at an alarming angle over the parking area and it is considered it should be removed for safety reasons as this tree is liable to fall with the potential to cause damage or injury.
- 3.4 The cherry tree trunk bifurcates (splits) at approximately 1 metre and there is a large wound at the base of the larger stem with decay present. This stem is considered liable to failure in the near future and the tree should also be removed for safety reasons.
- 3.5 In support of the application, the applicants have provided a letter from the highways authority which has requested works be undertaken for the safety of the public highway. The owner of the land has made this application in order to comply with this request, the works are therefore justified.
- 3.6 It is considered appropriate that trees should be replaced in order to retain the tree cover within this area.

RECOMMENDATION RE: CR/2022/0709/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 trees, the owner of the land shall plant a False Acacia and a Cherry tree, in a location as close to the felled trees as practical. The trees shall be not less than nursery standard size and conform to BS 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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