

**REFERENCE NO: CR/2023/0436/TPO**

**LOCATION:** [WORTH PARK LAKE, POUND HILL, CRAWLEY](#)  
**WARD:** Pound Hill North & Forge Wood  
**PROPOSAL:** 9234 1 X ASH - REMOVE DEAD WOOD. REMOVE 1 X LOWER BRANCH ON WEST SIDE LEANING OVER GARDEN OF 130 GRATTONS DRIVE (MARKED ON PHOTO). REPOLLARD BY APPROX 3 METRES BACK TO PREVIOUS PRUNING POINTS.  
9267 1 X ASH – REDUCE CROWN BY 1.5 TO 2 METRES  
**TARGET DECISION DATE:** 19 September 2023  
**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
CBC 0001		Tree Plan

**REASON FOR REPORTING TO COMMITTEE:-**

Crawley Borough Council is the applicant.

**PUBLICITY / NOTIFICATION:-**

1.1 As CBC is the applicant, notification is required by way of a site notice. The consultation expiry period ended on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023. No representations have been received.

**PLANNING HISTORY:-**

- 2.1 There is no planning history for tree surgery to these two ash trees.
- 2.2 Various tree works have been agreed to other trees within Worth Park as part of tree maintenance and management of the open space.
- 2.3 The trees are protected under Tree Preservation Order Reference 16.07.04, Number: W1

**PLANNING POLICY:-**

- 3.1 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:-**

- 4.1 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.

4.2 The ash trees are located adjacent to the rear boundary of 130 Grattons Drive within the grounds of Worth Park on a strip of land between the rear garden fence and the lake. They are mature specimens and are considered to make some contribution to the overall tree cover in the area however, the trees have Ash Dieback and therefore have relatively sparse crowns. They have an estimated life expectancy of 10 – 20 years.

4.3 The proposed works are for surgery to both trees comprising:

- Tree no 9234- removal of lower branch on west side leaning over garden of 130 Grattons Drive (as marked on submitted photo), deadwooding and re-pollarding by approximately 3 metres back to previous pruning points.
- Tree 9267 – reduce crown by 1.5 – 2 metres.

The applicant states the works are required to make the trees safe and maintain them at a suitable size for their location and condition.

4.4 The trees are located away from the public footpaths which are situated around the edge of the lake and form part of a much denser area of tree screening. The trees are not particularly visible to the public. It is considered the works would therefore have only a negligible impact on visual amenity.

4.5 It is considered the works are acceptable in terms of visual amenity and are justified given the condition of the trees. Consent is therefore recommended.

**RECOMMENDATION RE: CR/2023/0436/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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