

**REFERENCE NO: CR/2023/0510/TPO**

**LOCATION:** [WOLDHURSTLEA WOOD, BUCKSWOOD DRIVE, \(TREES TO REAR OF 40 TINTERN ROAD\) GOSSOPS GREEN, CRAWLEY](#)

**WARD:** Gossops Green & North East Broadfield

**PROPOSAL:** 1 X MAPLE (5672) - REDUCE HEIGHT AND CROWN BY A MAXIMUM OF 2 METRES TO NEAREST SUITABLE GROWTH POINTS.  
1 X ASH (071805) - REDUCE HEIGHT AND CROWN BY A MAXIMUM OF 2 METRES TO NEAREST SUITABLE GROWTH POINTS.  
1 X OAK (5641) - REDUCE HEIGHT AND CROWN BY A MAXIMUM OF 2 METRES TO NEAREST SUITABLE GROWTH POINTS

**TARGET DECISION DATE:** 31 October 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 Crawley Borough Council is the applicant, notification is undertaken by way of a site notice. The consultation expiry period ended on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024. No representations have been received.

**PLANNING HISTORY:-**

2.1 The trees, which are within Woldhurstlea Wood, are protected under Tree Preservation Order Buckswood Drive No1, ref. P16.03.05.

2.2 There have been numerous applications for tree works to the woodland over the years, generally granted consent for reasons of tree maintenance, woodland thinning and for amenity and safety reasons.

**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) accompanies 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 trees are located on the edge of Woldhurstlea Wood to the rear of 40 Tintern Road close to the rear fence boundary. The trees are considered to make a good contribution to visual amenity and have an estimated life expectancy of over 100 years. The trees are estimated to be approximately 50 years old.
- 4.3 The works to the three trees comprise the following:
  - 1 x maple (5672) - reduce height and crown by a maximum of 2 metres to nearest suitable growth points.
  - 1 x ash (071805) - reduce height and crown by a maximum of 2 metres to nearest suitable growth points.
  - 1 x oak (5641) - reduce height and crown by a maximum of 2 metres to nearest suitable growth points.
- 4.4 The trees are overhanging the adjacent property and are also rather tall and etiolated. A reduction in the branch length would therefore reduce the impact on the neighbouring property and help to mitigate the risk of tree failure that could potentially cause damage or be a hazard for occupiers.
- 4.5 It is not considered that the works would harm the health of the trees and as they are a small component of the overall woodland, the works will have little impact on their amenity given the context. The works are therefore considered justified.

## **RECOMMENDATION RE: CR/2023/0510/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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