



**North
Herts
Council**

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**Application for Tree Works: Works to Trees Subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) and/or
Notification of Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area**

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Publication of applications on planning authority websites

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

Tree Location

Please provide the address of the site where the tree(s) stands (full address if possible)

Number

14

Suffix

Property Name

Elm Corner

Address Line 1

Baldock Road

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Hertfordshire

Town/city

Letchworth Garden City

Postcode

SG6 3LB

Description of site location must be completed if postcode is not known:

Easting (x)

521719

Northing (y)

231661

If the location is unclear or there is not a full postal address, describe as clearly as possible where it is

(for example, 'Land to rear of 12 to 18 High Street' or 'Woodland adjoining Elm Road')

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Mrs

First name

Lindsey

Surname

Crowley

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

14 Elm Corner Baldock Road

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

Letchworth Garden City

County

Hertfordshire

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

SG6 3LB

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Applicant Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

Agent Details

Name/Company

Title

First name

Surname

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

County

Country

Postcode

Contact Details

Primary number

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What Are You Applying For?

Based on the type of work proposed and the location and protected status of the trees involved, there are various details and supporting information that will need to be supplied in order for the Local Planning Authority to determine the application.

Are you seeking consent for works to tree(s) subject to a Tree Preservation Order?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Are you wishing to carry out works to tree(s) in a conservation area?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Documents and plans (for any tree)

A sketch plan clearly showing the position of trees listed in the question 'Identification of Tree(s) and Description of Works' MUST be provided when applying for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order.

A sketch plan is also advised when notifying the LPA of works to trees in a conservation area ([see guidance notes](#)).

It would also be helpful if you provided details of any advice given on site by an LPA officer.

Are you providing additional information in support of your application (e.g. an additional schedule of work for the question 'Identification of Tree(s) and Description of Works')?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Identification of Tree(s) and Description of Works

Please identify the tree(s) and provide a full and clear specification of the works you want to carry out

Arboricultural Justification for Tree Removal
Species: Horse Chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*)

T1

Contractor: Canopy Tree Care

This document provides an arboricultural assessment supporting the recommended removal of a mature Horse Chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*). The assessment is based on visual inspection and photographic evidence of the tree's structural condition.

The tree exhibits significant structural defects that indicate advanced decline and a high likelihood of structural failure. Most notably, a major co-dominant stem has already failed, leaving a large exposed wound at the union. This type of failure typically occurs where included bark or weak attachment points exist between competing stems. The fracture has exposed internal wood tissues and created an entry point for decay organisms, accelerating deterioration within the trunk.

Inspection of the remaining stem structure reveals extensive longitudinal cracking and bark separation along the main trunk. These symptoms are consistent with advanced internal decay affecting the structural heartwood. In several areas the bark has detached, exposing degraded wood fibres and suggesting that fungal pathogens have colonised the internal structure of the tree. Such decay reduces the mechanical strength of the trunk and compromises its ability to withstand wind loading and natural canopy weight.

At the base of the tree a substantial cavity is present, indicating long-term internal decay within the lower stem. Basal cavities are particularly significant as they affect the primary load-bearing portion of the tree. The cavity appears to extend into the interior of the trunk, suggesting a loss of structural wood and potential hollowing of the main stem. When decay affects this portion of the tree, the risk of catastrophic stem failure increases considerably.

Additional evidence of progressive decay can be observed through elongated sections of deteriorated wood running vertically along the trunk. This indicates that decay has spread beyond a single wound site and is likely established throughout a significant portion of the stem.

Due to the combination of basal cavity formation, extensive trunk decay, and previous major stem failure, the structural integrity of the tree is considered severely compromised. These defects cannot be effectively mitigated through pruning or structural support systems. Retention of the tree would present an unacceptable risk of further limb or stem failure.

For these reasons, removal or monolith of the Horse Chestnut is recommended as the most appropriate management action in order to eliminate the risk posed by structural failure and ensure public safety.

Recommend replanting with either a Tulip, Oak or Small leaved lime

Prepared by:

Canopy Tree Care

You might find it useful to contact an arborist (tree surgeon) for help with defining appropriate work.

Where trees are protected by a Tree Preservation Order, please number them as shown in the First Schedule to the Tree Preservation Order where this is available. You should use the same numbering on your sketch plan (see below for sketch plan requirements).

Please provide the following information:

- Tree species
- The number used on the sketch plan; and
- A description of the proposed works.

Where trees are protected by a Tree Preservation Order you must also provide:

- Reasons for the work; and where trees are being felled
- Proposals for planting replacement trees (including quantity, species, position and size) or reasons for not wanting to replant.

e.g. Oak (T3) – Whole crown reduction to 12m above ground level, to provide sufficient clearance to property.

Sketch plan requirements

Your plan needs to show the precise location of the tree(s) in relation to nearby property/roads/boundaries. It should, therefore:

- indicate the main features of the site where the tree(s) stand and its surroundings; in particular, you should:
 - mark and name surrounding roads
 - sketch in buildings, including adjoining properties
 - add house numbers or names
- mark the position of the tree(s) to which you want to carry out work and identify them by the number shown in the Tree Preservation Order where possible; if you use a different number, please make sure that this can be matched with your description of the tree(s)
- if there are many trees on the site, make clear which tree(s) are included in this application by:
 - marking all trees on the plan, but only numbering those to which you want to carry out work
 - showing the approximate distance between the application tree(s) and buildings
 - adding other relevant features on the site (e.g. greenhouse, paths)

If it is impossible to identify the tree(s) accurately on the plan (e.g. because they are part of a woodland or group of trees), please identify their approximate location on the plan and provide details of how the tree(s) are marked on site (e.g. high visibility tape, tree tags, paint, etc); trees must not be marked by scarring or cutting into the bark.

Tree Ownership

Is the applicant the owner of the tree(s)?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, is the applicant and/or agent one of the following:

- (a) a member of staff
(b) an elected member
(c) related to a member of staff
(d) related to an elected member

It is an important principle of decision-making that the process is open and transparent.

For the purposes of this question, "related to" means related, by birth or otherwise, closely enough that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was bias on the part of the decision-maker in the Local Planning Authority.

Do any of the above statements apply?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Tree works: Trees in conservation areas/subject to TPOs as described in the questions answered, details provided, and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information.

I/We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

I/We also accept that, in accordance with the Planning Portal's terms and conditions:

- Once submitted, this information will be made available to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be published as part of a public register and on the authority's website;
- Our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

☒ I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

Jason Hough

Date

03/04/2026