

Officer Report for Decision under Delegated Authority

Works to Trees subject to TPO

APPLICATION NO: T0066.24

Date Received: 04-06-24

ADDRESS: 17 St Leonards Way
Hornchurch
RM11 1FP

PROPOSAL: T1 Oak Tree located in the rear garden of 17 St Leonards Way as per attached plan. The works requested are whole crown reduction by 2.5m bringing the crown back to previous pruning points. The work also includes removing Epicormic growth from the main stem up to the crowns lower branch formation.

Description of Trees & Position

Rear garden.

Works Proposed

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Assessment

T1 Oak. The tree is in the rear garden of the applicant's property and is visible from the public realm along St Leonards Way, providing a good contribution to the visual amenity of the local area. The tree has previously been reduced at some 8-10m above ground level, with an estimated 3m of regrowth. The applicant is seeking consent to reduce the tree by up to 2.5m, back to the previously established pruning points as well as removing basal epicormic growth up to the crown break. The works to reduce back to the previous points are the continuation of a cycle of routine maintenance, ensuring that the trees crown is managed at a size appropriate for its location. The removal of the epicormic growth up to the crown break will reduce encroachment onto the garden area below. The works will not be detrimental to the tree's health and longevity, nor its contributions provided to the visual amenity of the locality. As such, the works requested are approved and are to be undertaken in strict accordance with British Standard 3998:2010 'Tree works – Recommendations'.

Recommendation

[Grant consent subject to Conditions]

Conditions:

TRC001 - The work for which consent is granted shall be carried out to the standards detailed in British Standard Document BS 3998:2010. Reason: To ensure that the work is carried out in accordance with good arboricultural practice.

TRC002 - The work for which consent is granted shall be carried out as an overall reduction, so that the tree's crown remains balanced. To ensure that the tree's stability is maintained and in the interests of public amenity.

TRC004 - The work for which consent is granted shall be carried out within 2 years from the date of this consent. To prevent the accumulation of consents.

Informatives:

TRINF01 - It is suggested that you engage the services of a qualified and fully insured tree surgeon to carry out the above work on your behalf (you should ask to see the contractor's insurance certificate and make sure that it is up to date).

TRINF05 - Anyone who takes, damages or destroys the nest of any wild bird whilst that nest is in use or being built is guilty of an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and prior to commencing work you should ensure that no nesting birds will be affected.

TRINF06 - Anyone who kills, injures or disturbs bats, obstructs access to bat roosts or damages or disturbs bat roosts, even when unoccupied by bats, is guilty of an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 and the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 2007. Prior to commencing work you should ensure that no bats or bat roosts would be affected. If it is suspected that a bat or bat roost is likely to be affected by the proposed works, you should consult Natural England (tel. 0845 6003078).

TRINF07 - Please note that if the work for which consent is granted is not carried out within 2 years of the date of this letter, it will be necessary to submit a fresh application if it is intended to implement the work.

TRINF08 - You should comply with British Standard No. 3998 'Recommendations for Tree Work' a copy of which can be inspected at this office. You are advised that the work should be undertaken by a competent and suitably qualified tree contractor.