

**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**

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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.

1. Applicant Name, Address and Contact Details

Title:	Mr	First name:	Malcolm	Surname:	Dodds
Company name:					
Street address:	High Gables		Telephone number:	Country Code	National Number
	3 The Fairway				
Town/City:	Aldwick Bay, Bognor Regis		Mobile number:		
County:	West Sussex		Fax number:		
Country:	United Kingdom		Email address:		
Postcode:	PO21 4EL				
Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant? ☐ Yes					

2. Agent Name, Address and Contact Details

No Agent details were submitted for this application

3. Trees Location

Please provide the address of the site where the tree(s):

AW/137/14/TC

House:	3	Suffix:	
House name:	High Gables		
Street address:	The Fairway		
Town/City:	Bognor Regis		
County:	West Sussex		
Postcode:	PO21 4EL		

Reduce height of 1 No Fir Tree by 6 metres within the Aldwick Bay Conservation Area.

If the location is unclear or there is not a full postal address, either describe as clearly as possible where it is (for example, 'Land to rear of 12 to 18 High Street' or 'Woodland adjoining Elm Road') or provide an Ordnance Survey grid reference:

4. Trees Ownership

The applicant is the owner of the trees

5. What Are You Applying For?

Are you seeking consent for works to a tree(s) subject to a TPO?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

6. Tree Preservation Order Details

If you know which TPO protects the tree(s) enter its title or number below

T-1109

7. 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. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary. You might find it useful to contact an arborist (tree surgeon) for help with defining appropriate work. Where trees are protected by a TPO, please number them as shown in the First Schedule to the TPO where this is available. Use the same numbers on your sketch plan (see guidance notes).

Please provide the following information below: tree species (and the number used on the sketch plan) and description of works. Where trees are protected by a TPO you must also provide reasons for the work and, where trees are being felled, please give your proposals for planting replacement trees (including quantity, species, position and size) or reasons for not wanting to replant.

E.g. Oak (T3) - fell because of excessive shading and low amenity value. Replant with 1 standard ash in the same place.

Full details of the TPO in question, together with a sketch showing the position of the tree in relation to the property at number 3, The Fairway, are given in your Ref TPO/AW/320/10 dated 22 February 2012.

T-1109 (Feb 2012) is a Monterey Cypress standing approx 100 feet tall and as can be seen from your own scaled map, is in very close proximity to the house. For a clearer visual interpretation, please see photo 1 which is sent as an attachment.

As the owner of the property, I have the following concerns:

- (i) Were the tree to fall - as happened to the same species of similar size in my neighbour's garden during the winter storms - it would cause extensive damage to the property as well as being a serious risk to life.
- (ii) The location and sheer size of the tree has recently caused a stone/brick wall between my garden and the adjacent road to collapse. Whilst this has been professionally repaired, there are already signs the same thing is happening again.
- (iii) The mass of foliage, in the form of pine needles, which fall from the tree, blocks gutters and drains alike throughout the year.
- (iv) Situated to the south of the property, the tree casts a shadow over the entire garden for extended periods of the day (see photo 2). When coupled with two other species under preservation orders in the adjoining property, and one overgrown fir tree in the boundary hedge, (see photo 3) this effectively means the garden is in shade until the late afternoon.

I have spoken to my neighbours as well as the Director of the Aldwick Bay Company responsible for trees, and all see merit in reducing the size of the tree in question as well as the "rouge" fir tree in the boundary hedge.

Given the above, I seek permission to employ a qualified Tree Surgeon to reduce the height of the Monterey Cypress detailed above by one half i.e. 40 - 50 feet, re-shaping the tree in the process to maintain its aesthetic value. I also seek permission to reduce the height of the unprotected fir tree to that in keeping with the remainder of the hedge of which it forms a part i.e. approx 20 feet.

8. Trees - Additional Information

For all trees

A sketch plan clearly showing the position of trees listed in Question 7 must be provided when applying for works to trees covered by a TPO. 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.

For works to trees covered by a TPO

Please indicate whether the reasons for carrying out the proposed works include any of the following. If so, your application must be accompanied by the necessary evidence to support your proposals. (See guidance notes for further details)

1. Condition of the tree(s) - e.g. it is diseased or you have fears that it might break or fall:

If YES, you are required to provide written arboricultural advice or other diagnostic information from an appropriate expert.

☒ Yes ☐ No

2. Alleged damage to property - e.g. subsidence or damage to drains or drives.

If YES, you are required to provide for:

☒ Yes ☐ No

Subsidence

A report by an engineer or surveyor, to include a description of damage, vegetation, monitoring data, soil, roots and repair proposals. Also a report from an arboriculturist to support the tree work proposals.

Other structural damage (e.g. drains, walls and hard surfaces)

Written technical evidence from an appropriate expert, including description of damage and possible solutions.

Documents and plans (for any tree)

Are you providing additional information in support of your application?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please provide the reference numbers of plans, documents, professional reports, photographs etc in support of your application:

In relation to 1. above: The tree is not diseased, but due to its sheer size, I most certainly have fears it could fall as others have done before it. There comes a time when considering these matters that risk has to outweigh preservation. I think we are all aware of the strength of the winds that can occur in the UK and as such, I think in this case common sense is of more value than diagnostic information.

In relation to 2 above i.e. structural damage: Again, in the spirit of common sense over bureaucracy, rather than go to the expense of paying a structural engineer to state the obvious, photo 4/5 shows the proximity of the tree to the adjacent wall which as you can see has been recently rebuilt i.e. within the last 6 months. There is no solution, other than to either reduce the size of the tree or to remove the wall.

Photographs 1-3

In relation to additional information: please see photos 1-5

9. Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, I am:

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

Do any of these statements apply to you?

☐ Yes ☒ No

10. Trees - Declaration

I/we hereby apply for planning permission/consent as described in this form 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.



Date: 29/04/2014

