

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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Address 3:			
Town:	BOGNOR REGIS		
County:	WEST SUSSEX		
Country:	ENGLAND		
Postcode:	PO21 3DX		

2. Agent Name and Address

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all trees stand at the address shown in Question 1, go to Question 5. Otherwise, please provide the full address/location of the site where the tree(s) stand (including full postcode where available)

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Description:

The 2 trees are owned by and are the responsibility of 54 Pinecroft Park, However the trees were planted right on the property boundary, so they now straddle the land owned by Pinecroft Stables Copthorne Way, Bognor Regis, PO21 3DY.

Is the applicant the owner of the tree(s): ☒ Yes ☐ No
If 'No' please provide the address of the owner (if known and if different from the trees location)

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What Are You Applying For?

Are you seeking consent for works to tree(s) ☒ Yes ☐ No
subject to a TPO?

Are you wishing to carry out works to tree(s) ☐ Yes ☒ No
in a conservation area?

6. Tree Preservation Order Details

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

Arund District Council Tree Preservation Order Number 1/78/P

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 our 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.

2 x POPLAR TREES: REF G9: Reduce Top Height to 9 metres
Reduce radial spread by no more than 1 metre on any aspect
and leave a minimum 2 metre radial spread
This is the work that the Arund District Council Tree Officer

would allow in August 2020.

Please refer back to my application dated 1st July 2020 for full details.

The tree officer is incorrect with his comments in his report and should not under estimate the high wind the trees have to endure with water-logged ground beneath them during the winter / autumn seasons.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, you are required to provide for:

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 separate information (e.g. an additional schedule of work for Question 7)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If YES, please provide the reference numbers of plans, documents, professional reports, photographs etc in support of your application. If they are being provided separately from this form, please detail how they are being submitted.

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Do any of the following statements apply to you and/or agent? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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- (b) an elected member
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- (d) related to an elected member

Yes, please provide details of their name, role and how you are related to them.

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Sketch Plan

- A sketch plan showing the location of all trees (see Question 8)



or all trees

(see Question 7)

- Clear identification of the trees concerned
- A full and clear specification of the works to be carried out



or works to trees protected by a TPO

(see Question 7)

have you:

- stated reasons for the proposed works?
- provided evidence in support of the stated reasons? in particular:
 - if your reasons relate to the condition of the tree(s) - written evidence from an appropriate expert
 - if you are alleging subsidence damage - a report by an appropriate engineer or surveyor and one from an arboriculturist.
 - in respect of other structural damage - written technical evidence
- Included all other information listed in Question 8?



1. Declaration - Trees

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.

Signed - Applicant:

Or signed - Agent:

Date (DD/MM/YYYY):

15/11/2020

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Planning Officer: Lynnyrd Wolfe

Planning Application Ref: AW/153/20/T

Location: 54 Pinehurst Park, Aldwick, Bognor Regis, PO21 3DX

Description of works: Crown reduction of 2No. poplar trees to height 5m and spread 3m

Reasons given: Excessive shade

Comments on Application:

T1 West - Western balsam poplar / *Populus trichocarpa* Approx. height: 11m Radial spread: 0-5m Age class: Mature

T2 East - Western balsam poplar / *Populus trichocarpa* Approx. height: 13m Radial spread: 0-5m Age class: Mature

- Both trees are the subject of TPO/P/1/78 (Group 9). Outwardly and from a distance they appear to be in a fine physiological state. They have previously been the subject of reduction pruning, involving stem truncation at around 9m height (c.2014).
- Further reduction pruning will be necessary throughout the remaining lifespan of these trees, to achieve a reasonable degree of structural integrity appropriate for their location.
- The applicant proposes crown reduction to improve light levels to properties although the majority of their crown spreads are to the north and their existing height is proportionate to their size and distance from dwellings. That said, they will be exerting considerable influence on ground conditions by virtue of their established and extensive root systems.
- The applicant has also indicated concern about the potential for these trees to fail. My own restricted ground-level visual assessment did not reveal any obvious signs of pathogen activity, structural defect or root-plate displacement to suggest either could be wholly structurally unsound and/or present an unacceptable level of risk for its location.

Conclusions:

- The proposal to reduce their overall height and spread with a view to restricting growth is in principle justified and consistent with previous works approved by the Local Planning Authority although the extent is excessive.
- The applicant proposes 6-8metre reductions in top height. This would exceed the recommendations in British Standard 3998:2010 – Tree Work and would be likely to result in harm to the health and vitality of the trees with large pruning wounds being formed. Such wounds are readily colonised by fungi which can cause extensive decay making the tree hazardous and so reduce life-expectancy.

Recommendations:

- As it stands, I recommend **REFUSAL** for this application.

Advisory:

- I would like to see the applicant submit a revised work specification such as detailed below, which would seem to address their concerns whilst preventing excessive reduction of the trees landscape impact and undue detriment to the visual amenities of the locality.
 - Reduce top-height to approximately 9metres, which in any event does not exceed the dimensions of the last reduction pruning exercise.
 - Reduce radial spread by no more than 1m on any aspect and leaving a minimum of 2metres radial spread.

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- If the applicant is prepared to re-submit in line with this advice, then I would be able to recommend APPROVAL subject to the following condition:

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- Part a) Where whole branches are to be removed and final cuts made close to the trunk or branch union they are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010
- Part b) Where branches are to be shortened back the final cuts are to be made at the correct angle shown in BS3998:2010 and adjacent to a live bud or lateral.
- Part c) The removal of crown material which has developed since the last operation must be done sympathetically and with respect to established 'knuckles' so as not to extend beyond the point of origin.

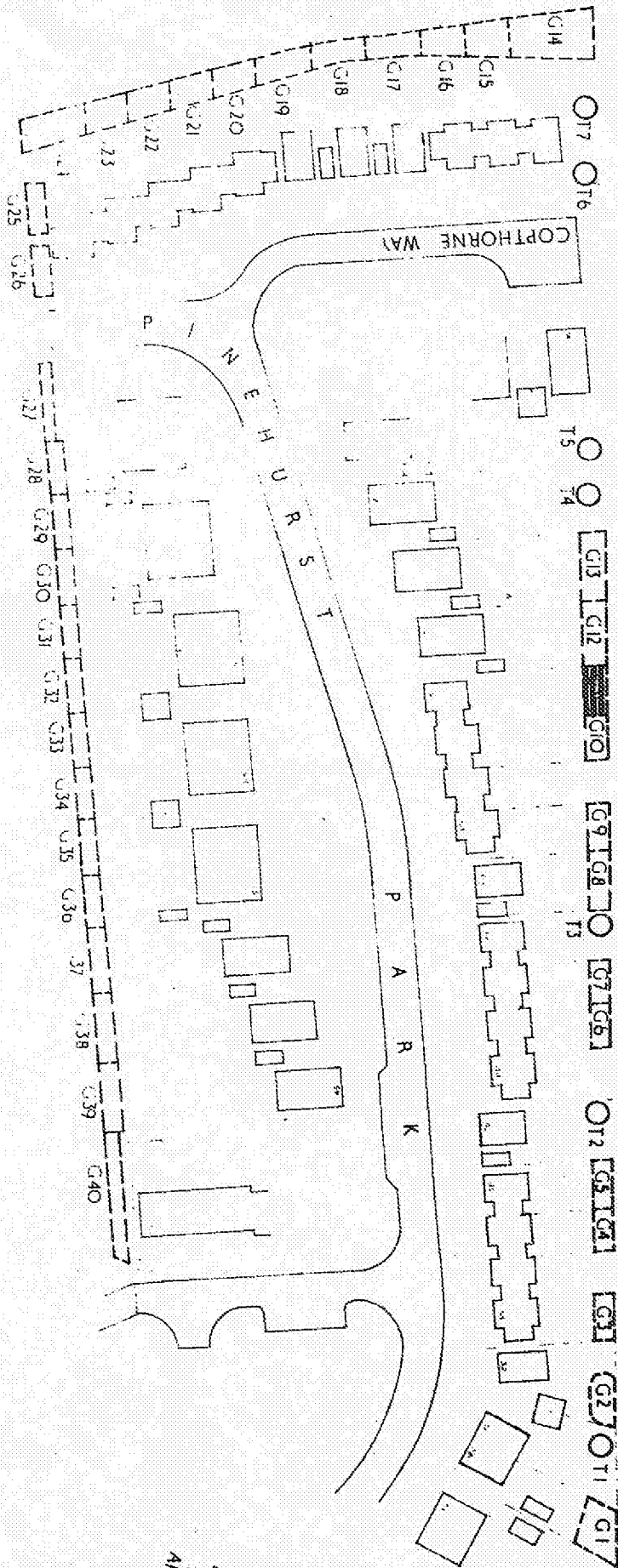
Reasons: in the interests of the trees continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

- See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter

Advisory:

- The long-term vitality of these trees is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during the mid-winter (late-December to early-February) period. The work should only be undertaken during this period.

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team



B. H. SAUNDERS M.R.T.P.I.
PLANNING OFFICER,
ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL,
TOWN HALL, BOGNOR REGIS.

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TREE PRESERVATION ORDER
T.P.O. 1/78 P
PINEHURST PARK (BAGHAM C.P.)
BOGNOR REGIS.

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APPROX

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THIS WORK IS REQUIRED AS BOTH TREES NOW PRESENT A SIGNIFICANT DANGER IF UPROOTED IN A STORM TO POTENTIALLY END

7. Identification Of Tree(s) And Description Of Works continued ...

HUMAN LIFE AND PARTIALLY CRUSH ONE OR MORE OF THE NEARBY RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS AND/OR CAUSE SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE.

- IF THE TREES ARE VIEWED FROM THE BACK GARDEN OF 54 PINEHURST PARK, THE LEFT TREE IS APPROXIMATELY 100 FOOT TALL, AND THE TREE ON THE RIGHT IS APPROXIMATELY 110 FOOT TALL.
- THE DISTANCE FROM THE REAR EDGE OF OUR DWELLING TO THE TREES IS ONLY 50 FOOT.
- ALL OF THE ~~OLD~~ RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS WITHIN A 500 FEET DISTANCE HAVE BEDROOMS TO THE FRONT AND BACK OF THE BUILDINGS

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SCHEDULE A: FOLLOW ON SHEET FOR QUESTION 7: REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED WORK.

SCHEDULE B: ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTANT ARBORICULTURIST REPORT OF MARCH 2014.

SCHEDULE C: FOLLOW ON FOR QUESTION 8: SKETCH PLAN.

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Have you:

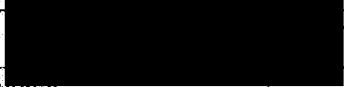
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Signed - Applicant:



Or signed - Agent:

Date (DD/MM/YYYY):

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ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

APPLICATION FOR TREE WORKS SUBJECT TO A TPO.

APPLICANT: PINLUCK

SCHEDULE A

7. CONTINUED

- THERE ARE NO NEARBY PHYSICAL BARRIERS TO "BREAK" THE WIND BLOWING ACROSS THE WIDE OPEN HORSES Paddock FIELD THAT OUR BACK GARDEN SHARES ITS BOUNDARY WITH.
- IT IS A FACT THAT THE UNDER GROUND WATER TABLE IN THIS AREA IS VERY CLOSE TO THE GROUND SURFACE, AND IT IS NOT UNCOMMON FOR LARGE PATCHES OF THE HORSES Paddock TO BE FLOODED WITH HALF A FOOT OF WATER OR MORE DURING THE WINTER MONTHS.
- WITH TREES OF THIS HEIGHT, IN STRONG WINDS, WITH VERY SOFT, WATER LOGGED GROUND UNDERNEATH, THE POTENTIAL DANGER FOR ONE OR BOTH OF THESE TREES TO BE UPLIFTED IS AN ON GOING CONCERN FOR BOTH MYSELF AND MY IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS.
- THE SIZE OF BOTH TREES, PARTICULARLY WHEN IN FULL LEAF, TAKE NATURAL LIGHT AWAY FROM THE ROOMS AT THE REAR OF THE PROPERTIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE UPSTAIRS ROOMS, ON BOTH MY OWN AND THOSE OF MY IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS.
- BOTH OF THESE TREES TAKE NATURAL DAYLIGHT AWAY FROM THE TOP END OF OUR BACK GARDEN AND THOSE OF OUR IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS, (SHADING) SIGNIFICANTLY SLOWING DOWN PLANT GROWTH IN THAT PART OF OUR GARDENS.
- THE NOISE FROM THE "ROAR" OF THE WIND THROUGH BOTH TREES LEAVES AND BRANCHES IS SIGNIFICANTLY LOUD ENOUGH TO EITHER KEEP THE INHABITANTS OF ALL THE NEARBY RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS AWAKE AT NIGHT, OR TO WAKE THEM UP IF THE WIND BLOWS UP STRONG DURING THE NIGHT.

- IF ONE OR BOTH OF THESE TREES WERE TO BE UPLIFTED IN A STORM, IN ADDITION TO THE SIGNIFICANT RISK OF LOSS OF HUMAN LIFE, PLEASE ALSO CONSIDER THE RISK OF LOSS OF LIFE OF OUR DEARLY BELOVED PETS.
- IF ONE OR BOTH OF THESE TREES WERE TO BE UPLIFTED IN A STORM, IN ADDITION TO THE SIGNIFICANT RISK OF THE IMMEDIATE RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS BEING CRUSHED OR DAMAGED, PLEASE ALSO CONSIDER THAT OUR GARDEN SHEDS, SUMMER HOUSES, CONSERVATORIES, GARDEN TIDIES, GARAGES AND VEHICLES EITHER IN THE GARAGE OR PARKED ON OUR DRIVEWAYS WOULD ALSO FACE THE SAME SIGNIFICANT RISK OF EITHER BEING COMPLETELY CRUSHED OR BEING DAMAGED.
- I DO NOT BELIEVE EITHER OF THESE TREES TO BE DISEASED AND THEREFORE DO NOT NEED TO SUBMIT ARBORICULTURAL EVIDENCE.
- I HAVE ATTACHED A COPY OF ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL'S CONSULTANT ARBORICULTURIST, OF 14TH MARCH 2014 REPORT WHICH SUGGESTS BOTH TREES SHOULD HAVE THEIR CROWNS RESHAPED AND REDUCED IN THREE TO FIVE YEARS TIME. IT IS NOW 2020, SO SIX YEARS HAVE PASSED.

Arun District CouncilDate Inspected: 14th March 2014

Planning Officer : Janice Chapman

Planning Application Ref: AW/40/14/T

Location : 54 Pinehurst Park, Aldwick

Description of works: Reduce 2x Poplars to a height of 5m measured from ground level

Applicants Reasons The trees represent a threat to life and property

Comment On Application:Western Balsam Poplars (x 2) *Populus trichocarpa* Height = 16 to 18m Avge spread = 4m Age = Early Mature

- Large and imposing trees fairly close to the rear of the property
- I can sympathise with the desire to constrain their growth habit and maintain these trees at a lower and more manageable height relative to the house and garden and in turn to reduce the risk of failure and crown break-up.
- They form part of a linear belt of trees of the same species and similar proportions – so what you agree is relevant for one property has to be fair and equitable in relation to all as this will set a precedent.
- It is a shame that these trees have been allowed to achieve these proportions before a request has been received as this substantial amount of pruning will exceed BS3998 recommendations and be contrary to sound arboricultural management practice and would at this severity induce a very significant growth response and an early request no doubt for another pruning operation.

Conclusions :

The applicant has requested reduction down to within 5m of the ground which equates to around 70% reduction.

Whilst I agree with the principle of pruning for the reasons stated in the application I would have to advise that the level of pruning requested in one operation is excessive and contrary to BS3998:2010 recommendations.

I feel that these trees should be reduced in stages so that the growth response is not so dramatic and the tree can adjust to this work before another crown reduction exercise is undertaken which could be between 3 to 5 years depending on the rate of growth.

Recommendation:

I object to the works as described in this application for the reasons stated above and recommend **REFUSAL**.

My recommendation is that they re-submit seeking the following:-

- Reduce and reshape crowns by 8m to leave trees of 9m in height as measured from ground level.


 Consultant Arboriculturist

