

Nicola Moore

From: Mark Warwick
Sent: 18 December 2020 16:34
To: David Frost
Cc: Technical Support Unit Staff
Subject: RE: Tree works application

David

You should send your application form (pdf file) to planning@arun.gov.uk It looks comprehensive to me.

I have copied in our Technical Support Unit team to see if there is any issue with your email address having been previously assigned to an account and if a reset is necessary/possible.

I would expect them to be able to accept that form of submission, especially under the circumstances. If they need any further information prior to validation, they will contact you directly using the email address you have provided.

Kind regards,

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer, Greenspace Team



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From: David Frost [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 December 2020 16:07
To: Mark Warwick [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Tree works application

Thank you for this Mark. The pointers to where to obtain the replacement tree are very welcome and Chrisitne and I will enjoy selecting one when the time comes.

I've created my application to fell electronically but I must confess the process of submitting it via the planning portal has defeated me. The portal seems to think I have an account registered to my email address, but it won't let me re-set a password to use it - I wonder if the tree surgeon who submitted my previous applications has tagged my email address as part of that process.

I've attached the application document, can you suggest how best to proceed please?

I remembered that I hadn't referenced the early signs of fungal growth that you spotted, so I've included that in the text.

Regards

David

On Fri, Dec 18, 2020 at 2:40 PM Mark Warwick <[REDACTED]> wrote:

David

Thank you for both emails sent to me today.

The photograph is more than adequate to determine the type of Magnolia (*soulangeana* cv). If the planning department follow my recommendation to approve your application to fell the Eucalyptus, I would be happy to propose both types of tree you suggest as options for replacement, as part of any decision notice.

Your text in support of the application is both comprehensive and persuasive in my view, so I will support the proposal along those lines.

While I cannot recommend a supplier, you could certainly do no worse than look at either of the following sites. The information around available tree types may prove helpful and enjoyable to peruse. There is some guidance also around tree planting pit preparation and aftercare. As mentioned, we would normally require a replacement tree to be of nursery stock size 10-12cm (girth at 1.0m height) – usually a 2-3m high tree on a single stem.



Kind regards,

Mark

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From: David Frost [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 December 2020 12:58
To: Mark Warwick [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Tree works application AW/258/20/T

Mark, sorry I should have included my proposed application text in my last mail, in case you felt I have missed anything we discussed? This is of course subject to any thoughts you may have on the possible alternative replacement species question that Christine has raised.

Regards

David

This application is to fell the Eucalyptus subject to TPO/AW/2/12 and replant a magnolia or flowering cherry of between 2m – 3m height within 3m of the existing location. This proposal has been constructed in consultation with Mark Warwick, Tree Officer from Arun District Council Greenspace Team.

The eucalyptus is considered to be of inappropriate size and character for the location it occupies. It has been subject to significant previous pollarding and an ongoing frequent and costly control regime disproportionate to its amenity value will be required to manage it.

There is a long-standing problem of root disturbance damage to hard surfaces around the tree and its proximity to existing buildings and underground services creates a real risk of future damage, control measures notwithstanding.

The proposed replacement species is attractive in appearance, will bring colour to the location where the eucalyptus brings only shade, and will complement the existing magnolia situated close by.

On Fri, Dec 18, 2020 at 12:04 PM David Frost <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Morning Mark

Thanks for coming out to see me yesterday, and for your helpful advice.

Later today I'll submit the application to fell the eucalyptus as we discussed, but in the meantime I'm attaching the only photo of the magnolia in flower that I've been able to rustle up from a previous occupier. I hope this enables you to identify it?

When we met yesterday my partner Christine was hoping to be here to join the conversation, but she was stuck in traffic. She's raised with me whether you would consider a flowering cherry tree as a suitable replacement for the eucalyptus - I think her logic is that it would flower at a different time from the magnolia and offer both some visual variety and a longer total period during which there would be a tree in flower on the frontage. I'm quite relaxed either way, and remain happy with the landing we arrived at together yesterday if that would be your preference.

What would be your thoughts on that - if you're happy with either a magnolia or a flowering cherry I could specify an either / or proposal in my application?

Regards

David

On Mon, Dec 7, 2020 at 10:31 AM David Frost <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Excellent, look forward to it.

Thank you.

David

On Mon, Dec 7, 2020 at 10:19 AM Mark Warwick <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you David.

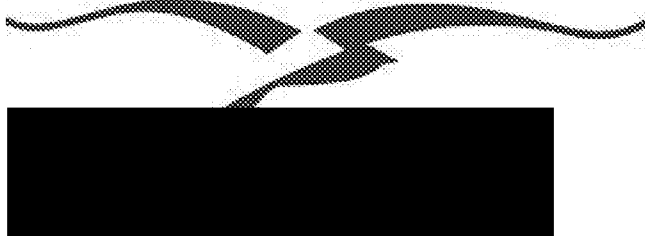
I propose 10:00am for 17th December and look forward to meeting with you then.

Kind regards,

Mark

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer, Greenspace Team



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From: David Frost [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 December 2020 10:11
To: Mark Warwick [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Tree works application AW/258/20/T

Thanks Mark,

I'm afraid I'm not around tomorrow but 17 December looks good, and I could work around the time that fits best for you. Please let me know what suits?

Regards

David

On Mon, Dec 7, 2020 at 9:29 AM Mark Warwick [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Mr Frost

Thank you for your email. I am sorry not to have responded earlier.

I would be happy to meet at your property to consider management options for the eucalyptus tree.

I usually have one full day per week set aside for site visits, the earliest opportunity would be tomorrow (Tuesday 8th December). If sometime after 11am would be convenient – please advise before 6pm today.

Alternatively, we could meet Thursday 17th, anytime between 10:00am and 3:00pm.

Kind regards,

Mark Warwick

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From: David Frost [REDACTED]

Sent: 01 December 2020 08:48

To: Mark Warwick [REDACTED]

Subject: Fwd: Tree works application AW/258/20/T

Morning Mark,

I'm just following up on the email below that I sent you a couple of weeks ago. Appreciate we've been in lockdown and you may not have been in harness, but hopefully as that's now coming to an end you can let me know your thoughts?

Regards

David Frost

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From: **David Frost** <[REDACTED]>
Date: Fri, Nov 13, 2020 at 10:33 PM
Subject: Fwd: Tree works application AW/258/20/T
To: <[REDACTED]>

Good evening Mark,

My immediate neighbour, Nick Cotton has passed me his email exchange with you which for convenience, I've pasted below.

I need to clarify that Nick hasn't spoken to me about this and has taken it upon himself to contact you, rather than doing so on my behalf! I will speak to him about that, although it's fair to say that Nick's perspective on the Eucalyptus is aligned with my own, and my recently approved application to reduce the tree was informed by conversations with a tree surgeon with whom I discussed possible options.

If in principle you would be willing to consider allowing me to remove the tree and substitute it with a more practical alternative then this would be my clear preference. You have referenced an earlier owner's request to fell based in part on root disturbance to adjacent hard surfaces, and this remains a significant practical problem. In reality however, there are also a number of other considerations that inform my preference to replace the tree.

I've informally consulted both an arborist and a structural engineer for advice and there is an expressed concern that such a large and vigorously growing tree stands in such close proximity to both the structures of my property and its underground services. From an arboricultural perspective I've been alerted to the

requirement for regular costly reductions simply to maintain the tree at something like its current size and delay as far as possible the otherwise inevitable onset of structural or underground services damage.

The previously referenced root disturbance to paved surfaces took on a very practical dimension earlier this year when a visitor to the property sustained personal injury in a slip and fall incident. It's unclear as to the actual cause, but a combination of an uneven surface and the presence of fresh bird fouling from the tree are alleged to have contributed to the fall. The bird fouling has been a real problem during the period of my ownership, as the tree stands directly over the only pedestrian access to the property and has proved to be a popular roost for larger birds such as pigeons. Despite my best efforts to be vigilant with cleaning it's impossible to avoid the pathways receiving substantial fresh and very slippery droppings on a daily basis. I'm waiting to learn whether a compensation claim is to be brought against me as Occupier, but you'll understand my discomfort with the situation.

So, if you would feel able to support a removal application in place of the recently approved reduction I would be very keen to proceed on that basis. I would want to replace the tree in roughly its existing location with a more appropriate species, both in terms of size and character, and I'd be keen to ensure that the successor specimen is a positive contributor to the overall ambience of the property and its surroundings. That said, I have no specialist knowledge or understanding of what might be appropriate and would be keen to discuss possible acceptable alternatives with you. One possibility that occurs to me is the introduction of a second Magnolia to match the beautiful specimen already present in the property frontage, but I'm not sure if that would be deemed appropriate?

Would you be willing to re-visit the property for the purpose of a general discussion as to the best way to take this forward?

Regards

David Frost

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Subject:Tree works application AW/258/20/T

Date:Wed, 11 Nov 2020 14:03:04 +0000

From:Mark Warwick [REDACTED]

To:Nick Cottor [REDACTED]

CC:Richard Martin [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Cotton

Thank you for your email.

I understand you are seeking pre-application advice in respect of a felling proposal for the tree, on behalf of your neighbour.

I would have to reserve judgement until I re-visited the site/tree as I had previously only considered a 'repeat crown reduction' proposal. That said, I was aware of the disturbed hard surfacing around the tree and it may be that arboricultural justification for its removal can be found in that respect.

My recommendation is that you or your neighbour submit an application and provide details of where and what (tree type) you would propose as compensation for the loss of such a large tree. It need not be of the same ultimate size, but ideally should make a contribution to the visual amenity of the area whilst remaining in harmony with its surroundings.

You can find an application form and read the supporting guidance notes on our website, by clicking on this link <https://www.arun.gov.uk/tpo>

Kind regards,

Mark Warwick

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From: Nick Cotton [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 November 2020 20:12
To: Mark Warwick [REDACTED]
Subject: Tree works application AW/258/20/T

Dear Mr Warwick

You visited 27 The Drive, Aldwick, PO21 4DU on 28 October 2020 and about the Eucalyptus tree (T2) you said in your report:

#T2 - Eucalyptus / Eucalyptus sp. Approx. height: 12m Average spread: 5m Age class: Early mature

T2 is prominent at the front of the property and visible from adjacent properties and to traffic on the estate road and path. It appears to be in fine physiological condition and has grown-on well following past crown reduction pruning.

Repeat operations such as now being asked for by the applicant will be necessary throughout the remaining lifespan of this tree, to achieve a reasonable degree of structural integrity appropriate for its location.

T2 - While a temporary loss of aesthetic value is inevitable, satisfactory canopy renewal and recovery should occur if the work is undertaken to a high standard and at an appropriate time of year.

Where pollarding or crown reduction pruning has occurred previously (T2), then 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.

The Eucalyptus tree (T2) is the subject of TPO/AW/2/12.

It was planted in about the year 2000 by a previous owner who did not consider its eventual height and spread on reaching maturity. Now that the tree has reached maturity, it dominates the front garden and the front of the building so it necessitates frequent lopping in order to keep to a manageable size. It could be replaced by a smaller tree or shrub to complement the magnificent magnolia in front of the house.

Would you object if the applicant lodges another tree works application for permission to fell the eucalyptus tree instead of lopping it every three years?

Kind Regards
Nick Cotton
(Next door neighbour)

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