

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

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.

1. Trees Location

Number	<input type="text"/>
Suffix	<input type="text"/>
Property name	<input type="text" value="Highcroft House"/>
Address line 1	<input type="text" value="High House Road"/>
Address line 2	<input type="text"/>
Address line 3	<input type="text"/>
Town/city	<input type="text" value="St Bees"/>
Postcode	<input type="text" value="CA27 0BZ"/>

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')

Easting (x)	<input type="text" value="297491"/>
Northing (y)	<input type="text" value="511964"/>

Description

2. Applicant Details

Title	<input type="text"/>
First name	<input type="text" value="Harry"/>
Surname	<input type="text" value="Strong"/>
Company name	<input type="text"/>
Address line 1	<input type="text" value="Highcroft House"/>
Address line 2	<input type="text" value="High House Road"/>
Address line 3	<input type="text"/>

2. Applicant Details

Town/city	<input type="text" value="St.Bees"/>
Country	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text" value="CA27 0BZ"/>

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Primary number	<input type="text"/>
Secondary number	<input type="text"/>
Fax number	<input type="text"/>
Email address	<input type="text"/>

3. Agent Details

No Agent details were submitted for this application

4. 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 question 'Identification of Tree(s) and Description of Works')? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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

Highcroft House Woodland - Tree Schedule - September 2020
Highcroft House Woodland - Plan - September 2020
BHA Trees Ltd - Arboriculturalists Report - March 2019
Photograph - Result of treeworks application - 4/19/2247/TPO

5. 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.

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 help 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) - fell because of excessive shading and low amenity value. Replant with one standard ash in same position.

The woodland attached to Highcroft House is made up of a mix of approximately sixty formally planted and self-seeded trees and shrubs, and has been owned and managed by the current owner since 2013. Good woodland management and diversification continues with considerable investment in terms of new tree stock and the employment of professional tree surgeons and arboriculturalists. To further underpin this woodland management plan we requested Bruce Hatton to conduct an arboriculturalist review in March 2019. The purpose of the review was to: -

- Make a visible appraisal of the overall condition of the trees, identify potential hazards and establish severity, and make recommendations for remedial work.
- Ensure that the duty of care is observed by the trees owners
- Advise on future management of the woodland to enhance the area and improve the value for recreation, ecology and aesthetics.

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A copy of the report and recommendations is attached.

The report states that 'the majority of the larger more dominant trees are sycamore of varying quality. While this does not constitute a monoculture, it does lack aesthetic and ecological diversity.' In addition, the 15 twenty foot *Betula pendula* planted in 2018 do now require more sunlight to allow them to grow strongly ie additional glade space is required to aid new tree establishment.

Accordingly we are now requesting permission to carry out the following tree-works:-

- Tree 8 – Fell the *Acer pseudoplatanus* – allow young trees to develop and diversity.
- Tree 15 – Fell the *Acer pseudoplatanus* – poor structural form and to allow young trees to develop and diversity.
- Tree 16 – Fell the *Acer pseudoplatanus* - allow young trees to develop and diversity.

The trees have been marked with a red dot on the attached woodland plan.

The photograph attached shows the result of the treeworks professionally carried out earlier this year under Copeland treeworks approval 4/19/2247/TPO.

We have implemented a woodland plan which seeks to enhance the existing trees and shrubbery providing a visually pleasing area for the owners and the people of St.Bees. This tree-works application centers on the dominant self-seeded *Acer pseudoplatanus* and is an essential step to further aesthetic and ecological diversity. Throughout this time, we have maintained the amenity that the woodland provides to the public, maintained the total number of trees at or above the 2013 level whilst increasing the species through the introduction of UK native trees.

6. Tree Ownership

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

7. 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.

☐ Yes ☒ No

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?

8. 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 (cannot be pre-application)

22/09/2020