



TREE PRESERVATION ORDER (TPO) APPEAL FORM
The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England)
Regulations 2012 – SI No. 605, Regulation 19

Before completing this form please read "Guide for Appellants (Tree Preservation Orders – consents for works)"

WARNING Your appeal must reach the Planning Inspectorate within 28 days from receipt of the decision against which you are appealing.

Appeals received after the deadline will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances.

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A. APPELLANT

Name Andrew Bloor

Address 23 Summerhill Road, Waterloooville

Postcode PO8 8XD

B. AGENT: If acting on behalf of the appellant, you will be our main contact on all matters relating to this appeal and we will direct all queries and correspondence to you. It will be your responsibility to keep the appellant informed.

Name

Organisation

Address

Postcode

Daytime Tel

Email

C. APPEAL SITE

Address where the appeal tree is (trees are) located: on the boundary between 25 Summerhill Road and 24 Durley Avenue, Waterloooville

Do you own the site: Yes No x

If no

- 1)** give details of your interest in the site (eg tenant, neighbour): Neighbour

- 2)** give the name and address (if different from the above) of the owner and/or occupier of the site. We will need to contact them to make arrangements for our Inspector to gain access to the site:

D. COUNCIL/DECISION

Council: Havant Borough Council

Council Contact Name: **Michelle Houghton** Telephone Number: 02392 446586

Full title of tree preservation order (if known): TPO 1724

Date of Council's decision (if applicable): Refusal of consent

E. APPEAL

Please tick only the relevant boxes.

I am appealing against:

The Council's refusal of consent ☒

The Council's failure to issue a decision (deemed refusal of consent)

Condition(s) attached to the consent

The Council's refusal to agree a matter that required their agreement under the terms of a condition of consent.

F. GROUNDS OF APPEAL

Please provide at least one reason for each of the boxes you have ticked in section E. You must explain fully why you disagree with the council's decision, where one has been issued. To do this, you need to go through the reasons for the decision, and explain why you disagree. Only the reasons within the council's decision and the reasons put forward by you at application stage should be included on your appeal form. You should not introduce any new reasons for the appeal.

Your appeal should relate to the same works as those specified in your application to the council. Exceptionally we may be able to accept your appeal even if you are seeking a variation to the works originally applied for. We will only be able to do so if the changes do not materially alter the nature of the application and, if no one who should have been consulted about the proposed works would be prejudiced by our doing so. For instance, you may have originally applied for consent to crown thin a tree by reducing the percentage of leaf area by 20%, whereas on appeal you may seek a lesser reduction of 10%. However if on appeal you appear to be seeking more works than originally applied for, it is recommended that you submit a new application to the council rather than seek to amend your original application at appeal stage because the Inspector will not consider any works above those which were put forward in your application form.

Similar limitations apply in respect of the reasons you give for seeking consent, especially under the fast-track procedure where the council has no opportunity to respond to your grounds of appeal. The Inspector will only consider the matters that were before your council when the decision on your application was made. This means that if the reason you submitted on your application form was that the tree was causing overshadowing, you should not, on appeal make a claim that tree roots are causing subsidence. If you want to make a different case for the work applied for you should make a fresh application to the council.

We will also look at the original application to check that it clearly specifies the proposed work. If we decide that the works you have applied for are so vague that we cannot be sure how much work is involved, we may decide that the appeal is invalid and reject it. For example it is not sufficient to specify that you want to remove some of the lower branches, or you wish to reduce the tree by 15%. This is too vague and fails to indicate the extent of the works.

If you choose the recommended Fast Track appeal procedure (see section G) the reasons you set out below will be treated as your statement of case. It is important that you set them out in full because you will not get an opportunity to add to them later.

The decision on your appeal will take into account the contribution that the tree(s) make to the character and appearance of the area and the reasons set in support of your application/appeal. Please bear in mind that the Planning Inspectorate has no jurisdiction to resolve allegations of maladministration or complaints about the time taken by the Council to issue a decision, since such matters are not relevant to the merits of the proposal.

If you are appealing to fell a tree or against a condition requiring replacement planting please indicate the species and size of any tree(s) you would be prepared to plant if the appeal were to be allowed:

Number of trees and Species:

Size:

F. GROUNDS OF APPEAL (cont)

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to appeal against the decision received by Havant Borough Council in relation to the following

Application Number: APP/20/00385

Site Address: 25 Summerhill Road, Waterloo, PO8 8XD

Proposed Tree Works: Crown reduce 1 No. Oak tree height and spread by 2-3m leaving a height of 32-33m and spread of 27-28m, removing any deadwood, subject to TPO 1724.

The works have been declined on the following basis

The reason for the Council's decision to refuse consent is: **1 The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately healthy condition. The tree surgery proposed in the deposited application would result in excessive reduction of the tree's landscape impact. No arboricultural need or justification has been provided support this work. It is therefore contrary to policy DM8 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework.**

Having logged onto Havant Borough Council planning applications via public access, I believe the decision for my application is contradictory to where planning permission has been approved in the cases listed.

Between January 1 2020 – June 30 2020 Havant Borough Council have approved 45 applications for work to be carried out on Trees with a TPO. Below is a selection of some of the applications and reasons behind their applications. In all these cases the Tree was in good health and therefore had no arboricultural reason for the work to be approved, yet the council have approved every single application

Application Number	Request	Reason	Decision
APP/20/00410	Crown Reduction 2 Mtr	Maintenance	Approved
APP/20/00411	Crown Reduction 3 Mtr	Excessive Shading	Approved
APP/20/00365	Crown Reduction 2 Mtr	Branches growing close to property	Approved
APP/20/00342	Crown Reduction 2-3 Mtr	Reduce shading and bird mess on cars	Approved
APP/20/00224	Crown lift and reduction 2-3 Mtr	Branches overhanging neighbours property	Approved
APP/20/00158	Crown reduction to North side by 3.5 Mtr	Excessive Shading	Approved

These are just a small selection of the approved applications.

It is my opinion the reason for Havant Borough Council refusing my application is due to the vociferous opinions of our Neighbour Mr Carl Morgan and their reluctance to engage with him as he has threatened the council with legal action previously should any work be agreed.

Since moving into our property 7 years ago we have tried to engage with Mr Morgan to what we believe is a very reasonable extent. In the first instance inviting him to discuss the proposed work and on one occasion he did visit our property where we had a discussion however, he remained opposed to any form of work. **CONTINUED IN SECTION K**

G. PROCEDURE – (See Section 9 of the Guide for Appellants before making your choice)

Appeals dealt with by the Fast Track procedure are usually decided more quickly than those which proceed through a hearing or a more formal local inquiry and because of this we recommend the Fast Track procedure.

However, if you or the Council ask to be heard by the Inspector we will organise a hearing which will take the form of a round table discussion. In very exceptional cases, where complex legal matters are at issue, a substantial number of third parties are involved and/or formal cross examination is warranted, we may decide to hold an inquiry.

Please tick one box only.

I wish my appeal to be decided through the Fast Track procedure ☒

I wish to appear and be heard by an Inspector ☐

H. SITE VISIT – Please note: no discussion about the merits of the case will take place during the site visit.

Are you willing for an Inspector to enter the site and conduct the visit unaccompanied?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If Yes, please give details below of anything the Inspector needs to know with regard to how to access the site:

The site can be gained from either No 23 or 25 Summerhill to see the full impact of size of the tree and scale and size of the tree or from No 24 Durley Avenue

If No, please outline below why this is not possible, why you need to be there or why you need to be represented during the Inspector's visit:

Are there any Health and Safety concerns that the Inspector will need to be aware of prior to the site visit?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If Yes, please detail the concerns below:

I. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

In support of your appeal form please send a copy of your application for consent and a copy of the Council's decision (where one has been issued).

Please tick the boxes to show which documents you are enclosing and list any other documents you are submitting in the space below. If you cannot send a copy of the tree preservation order – we will ask the Council to send a copy together with the relevant background papers.

I enclose:

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| 1. A copy of my application for consent | 1 |
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If you do not have a copy of your application please state the council's application reference number here (it should be stated on your decision if one was made):

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| 2. A copy of the Council's decision (if one was issued) | 2 |
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J. CONFIRMATION

DECLARATION

1. I understand that:

- a) the Planning Inspectorate may use the information I have given for official purposes in connection with the processing of my appeal.
- b) details from this form, including my name, the site description and reasons for making this appeal may appear on the Appeals Casework Portal.

By signing this form I am agreeing to the above use of the information I have provided.

2. I have completed all sections of the appeal form and confirm that the details are correct to the best of my knowledge.

3. I have sent a copy of this appeal form and enclosures to the Council.

Signature



Date 24th July 2020

Name (in capitals) ANDREW BLOOR

On behalf of (if applicable)

For more information about how we process your personal information please see "A Guide for Appellants (Tree Preservation Orders- consents for works)."

Please send the completed form and supporting documents to:

Trees and Hedges
Room 3A Eagle Wing
Temple Quay House
2 The Square
Temple Quay
Bristol
BS1 6PN

Telephone: 0303 444 5570
or e-mail it to: treeandhedgeappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

What happens next:

- 1.** You must send a copy of this completed form to the Council including copies of any supporting documents you send to us.
- 2.** When we receive your appeal form we will check it against background documents supplied by the Council before telling you whether your appeal is valid.
- 3.** At the end of the appeal process we will send you the Inspector's decision, including the reasoning in writing.

K. SUPPLEMENTARY SHEET

We have offered to pay Mr Morgan £500 by way of inconvenience and cover all of the associated costs involved and include him in the selection of the tree surgeon and to supervise any works.

I wrote to Mr Morgan before this application was submitted (attached as an annex) inviting him to engage in the process but received no response.

Whilst there remains some dispute over the ownership of the Tree, having read all the approved applications by Havant BC, in many cases the applicant was not the owner of the Tree, however work was still approved.

We are very fortunate to live in a lovely house with a large South Facing garden, however we are not able to use $\frac{3}{4}$ of our garden due to the Tree's shade and occasional falling branches. Mr Morgan has a north facing garden so is not impacted.

The Tree is too large for our residential setting, however I wholeheartedly agree it contributes to the local landscape. It offers welcome shade to our Koi pond, however should it be reduced by 2-3 metres it would STILL remain a local feature and STILL contribute to the local landscape. I believe I have been very patient and worked with the council at every opportunity, however reading the long list of approved applications to have work carried out to trees with a TPO along with their reasons, all to Trees in good health, I feel severely aggrieved and discriminated against.

Thank you for taking the time to read this appeal.