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Application for Tree Works: Works to Trees Subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) and/or Notification of Proposed Works to Trees in Conservation Areas (CA)

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.

Tree Location

Please provide the address of the site where the tree(s) stands (full address if possible)

Number

4

Suffix

Property Name

Penbont

Address Line 1

Cwm Nant Llwyd Road

Address Line 2

Gellinudd

Town/city

Pontardawe

Postcode

SA8 3DT

Easting (x)

273743

Northing (y)

204061

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')

Applicant Details

Name / Company

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Surname

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Company Name

Address

Address line 1

4 Penbont Cwm Nant Llwyd Road

Address line 2

Gellinudd

Address line 3

Neath Port Talbot

Town/City

Pontardawe

Country

Postcode

SA8 3DT

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Contact Details

Primary number

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Secondary number

Email address

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Agent Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

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Surname

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Company Name

Ford Treescapes

Address

Address line 1

The Lodge, Church Road,

Address line 2

Cilybebyll, Pontardawe Swansea

Address line 3

Town/City

Pontardawe

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

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Identification of Tree(s) and Description of Works

Before answering these questions you might find it helpful to consult a tree surgeon to clarify what needs to be done.

Please provide a full and clear description of:

- The proposed works
- The trees affected including species and location

Works include removal of dangerous trees, woodland thinning and crown lifting to improve amenity value of woodland and to allow access to maintain the area.

T1 - Alder to NE of woodland growing over road heavily ivy clad with wire fence growing around stem and in decline - remove to ground level.

T2 - Hazel growing into overhead wires next to T1 coppice to 2 meters in height.

T3 - Small ash on NW corner next to large alder (T4) - remove to ground level.

T4 Large alder to NW heavily ivy clad. sever ivy.

T5 - multi stemmed sycamore growing near to boundary and track running west - remove to ground level.

T7 - a large ash in the middle of the woodland 20% crown dieback - remove to ground level.

T8 & T9 two ash trees in SW corner of woodland with over 25% crown dieback - remove to ground level.

G1 - The periphery of the woodland (1 m strip along cwm nant-Ilwyd road and the track past the house. cut back small trees and branches to give 1 m clearance so that a fence can be reinstated. cut back to give 1 m clearance from substation and 1 meter clearance from overhead wires.

G2 The dense area just north of T7. Thin out small trees by 15% removing dead/dyeing trees or invasive none natives like cotoneaster.

G3 a group that runs along the ridge of the bank. crown lift trees to 2 meters so it is easy to walk through.

Trees protected by Tree Preservation Order should be numbered according to the First Schedule of the Tree Preservation Order. For example - T3 oak; two beech and one birch in G2.

You must identify the trees on a sketch plan showing the location in relation to building(s), named roads and boundaries.

Please state the reference you have given the plan (as described above)

Tree Location Plan

Your plan needs to show the precise location of the tree(s) in relation to nearby property/roads/boundaries. It should, therefore:

- indicate the main features of the site where the tree(s) stand and its surroundings; in particular, you should:
 - mark and name surrounding roads
 - sketch in buildings, including adjoining properties
 - add house numbers or names
- mark the position of the tree(s) to which you want to carry out work
- identify them by the number shown in the Tree Preservation Order where possible; if you use a different number, please make sure that this can be matched with your description of the tree(s)
- if there are many trees on the site, make clear which tree(s) are included in this application by:
 - marking all trees on the plan, but only numbering those to which you want to carry out work
 - showing the approximate distance between the application tree(s) and buildings
 - adding other relevant features on the site (e.g. greenhouse, paths)

If it is impossible to identify the tree(s) accurately on the plan (e.g. because they are part of a woodland or group of trees), please identify their approximate location on the plan and provide details of how the tree(s) are marked on site (e.g. high visibility tape, tree tags, paint, etc); trees must not be marked by scarring or cutting into the bark.

Trees - Reason(s) for work(s)

Please state the reasons for carrying out the proposed works on the tree(s)

The reasons for the work are to remove dangerous trees and to allow access into the woodland, thin out dying or damaged trees leaving trees with the best form so they can grow into higher value amenity trees. Create more focal points of higher value trees (large sycamore, silver birch, alder, oak, goat willow) through minor thinning and crown raising. Increase ecological value by removal of invasive/ none native species such as buddleja, cotoneaster and spruce.

T7, T8 and T9 are ash trees with crown dieback, (between 20-30% crown dieback) and will likely succumb to ash dieback disease. The site is on an old coal spoil heap and a number of trees have already uprooted. Some evidence has suggested ash dieback can simultaneously weaken roots as well as degrade the canopy which may make them more likely to uproot on the unstable soil. The track is used by a business which has customers coming regularly, I am informed and has medium footfall from other walkers and cars. Based on the severity of damage the trees could cause, occupancy area and likelihood of failure it is not an acceptable level of risk and is why the trees are being suggested for removal.

Please see attached photos of dieback condition.

T1 The alder tree to NE is very heavily ivy clad and is likely has its vascular system affected by the wire fence strangling around it at the base (see attached photographs) and is decline. it will likely fall into road in coming years so we suggest removing it in a controlled manor.

T2, and trees within G1 are being pruned as to give clearance to utilities - overhead wire and the substation and for the reinstatement of the fence.

Removal of T5 and thinning in G2 and crown lifting in G3 is to open up the woodland to allow the retained trees to thicken in stem diameter and give the woodland higher amenity value. The site is currently impenetrable and there are invasive herbs like Himalayan Balsam and woody garden plants like cotoneaster and laurel that the owner would like to control.

This will also allow more light to enter the woodland floor where indigenous flora can be encouraged.

Removal of T7 with aerial rigging will enable better establishment of young and semi mature trees already established nearby to it in the woodland (P1 and P2 on the tree location map) a hawthorn and a goat willow by allowing more light to these trees.

It is suggested that 2 small stature trees be planted to replace the multi stemmed sycamore, T5. T5 and other vegetation within G1 is growing into the track and hitting neighbours vehicles including caravanettes and other large vehicles.

Do your reasons for carrying out the proposed works include any of the following

Health or safety of the tree(s) - e.g. it is diseased, fears that it might break or fall

☒ Yes

☐ No

If Yes, you will need to provide a report by a tree professional (arboriculturist)

Alleged subsidence damage

☐ Yes

☒ No

Trees - Additional Information

Are you providing additional information in support of your application?

☒ Yes

☐ No

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

01 - Tree Risk Survey at Land Near Cwm Nant-Llwydd Road.

Tree Ownership

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

Tree Preservation Order Details

Are you seeking consent for works to tree(s) subject to a Tree Preservation Order?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Do you know the title of the Tree Preservation Order?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

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

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, is the applicant 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

Do any of these statements apply to you?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Declaration

I / We hereby apply for Tree works: Trees in conservation areas/subject to TPOs as described in this form and 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 options of the persons giving them. I / We also accept that: Once submitted, this information will be transmitted to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be made available as part of a public register and on the authority's website; our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

☒ I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

laurence ford

Date

16/08/2022