

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

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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

37

Suffix

Property Name

Address Line 1

Nant Celyn

Address Line 2

Town/City

Crynant

Postcode

SA10 8PZ

Description of site location (must be completed if postcode is not known)

Easting (x)

279395

Northing (y)

205586

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

Title

Mr

First name

Dale

Surname

Lynam

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

Brynrhyg Farm

Address line 2

Brynawel

Address line 3

Crynant

Town/City

Country

Postcode

SA10 8SR

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Email address

***** REDACTED *****

Agent Details

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Surname

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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

Fell 1x Sycamore to ground level

Amended recommendation

'At the present time my recommendations are that the application should be amended to reduce the two largest branches on the crowns south side and the single large branch on the north side to suitable secondary branches'

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)

Aerial Map Sycamore Brynrhyg

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)

Amended reasoning

"The tree is producing low levels of annual extension growth but this is considered normal for a tree of this age. The tree is a mature Sycamore which is located on land to the west of 37 Nant Celyn. The tree has a dividing stem and during a recent storm the western stem failed and collapsed onto the roof of the garage at 37 Nant Celyn. The stem failed due to extensive decay and fibre desiccation at the point of failure. The remaining tree has a number of minor defects, over extended branches and an area of bark damage at the base of the main stem on its western side. This area of bark damage is occluding and the tree is compartmentalising the surface decay."

See Report attached.

The sycamore is very mature and quite large, with a few areas of dysfunction and decay throughout the canopy and the stem/base of the tree. The canopy of the tree extends mainly to the South, with some branches growing to be very long and large. In the recent storm (Dec 24) the the smaller of the two stems failed onto the garage of number 37 nant celyn, the bud coverage on this failed stem wasn't great and the remaining branches have a sparce bud coverage.

Upon closer inspection there is evidence of unconfirmed Velvet shank fungus clusters (last image) on the failed stem and on the part of the stem that is still standing. As a saprophytic fungi it is likely there is more causing the dysfunction in this tree that we cannot see due to the time of year. This fungi is known to cause reduced tensile strength in trees which may have contributed to the failure of the stem. As well as this there is evidence of unconfirmed fungus between the buttresses on the opposite side of the tree from the house. In this area of the stem there is also a large area of decay which seems to be occluding but the nature of sycamore as a species, their response to dysfunction isn't always the best. This area of decay could be a result of the pH level of the soil, or some damage sustained previously. There are some smaller areas of decay between other buttress roots also.

The main union at approx 8ft has evidence of bark displacement on the south western side with some dysfunction beneath. This dysfunction runs approx 2-3ft down from the fork.

There is also evidence of bark displacement around the base of the tree with areas beneath the bark of small colonies of woodlice. The tree has also lost a large limb on the South Western side at some stage in recent years, it is still visible.

As the tree is very large and has now lost on of the main stems, the remaining tree is likely to be exposed to any adverse weather conditions and is heavily weighted in one direction, though this is away from the property, there are still a number of branches over the property. For these reasons I have highlighted I would suggest removing the tree to ground level.

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

Tree condition report Brynrhyg
Aerial map sycamore Brynrhyg
TPO images sycamore brynrhyg

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 the questions answered, details provided, 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.

I/We also accept that:

- Once submitted, this information will be made available 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

Rhidian Waldron

Date

21/02/2025

Amendments Summary

As per recommendations by Mr.N Thomas of NPTCBC, here is the amendment we have made to the application.
"At the present time my recommendations are that the application should be amended to reduce the two largest branches on the crowns south side and the single large branch on the north side to suitable secondary branches."