

Application No: 20/00533/TPO

Ward: Petts Wood and Knoll

Address: 75 Queensway, Petts Wood

Applicant: Mr N White

Objections: No

Description of Development:

T1 Oak - prune only those lateral branches that are currently less than 2m (horizontally or vertically) from the roof of 2 Nightingale Road to provide a maximum of 2m clearance. Branches shall not be pruned to the boundary line. SUBJECT TO TPO 2637 (03.07.2017)

Proposal

1. The subject tree is protected under the above Tree Preservation Order (TPO.) An application has been made from the owner/occupier of a neighbouring property over which the tree hangs to prune branches back to provide clearance from the building.

Location

2. The application site is 75 Queensway Petts Wood. The above referenced Tree Preservation Order (TPO) protects one Oak at the rear of the 75 Queensway.

Consultations

3. Nearby owners/occupiers were notified of the application and no comments have been received.

Considerations

4. The tree is large enough to be a prominent feature of the street scene. In addition, having good form and appearing to be in good health the tree contributes positively to the appearance and character of the area.
5. In light of the above, any impact from this application on the tree's health and/or appearance should be treated with due caution.
6. This application arises from the applicant's desire to prevent branches touching the roof of their home.
7. This is a common and reasonable request that should be accommodated provided that the works proposed are not excessive to achieve a reasonable clearance and are carried out professionally with no undue impact on the tree's health or appearance.
8. The likely impact of the proposed works on the health of the Oak would be negligible, due to the small amount of material to be removed, the presence of suitable growth points and the likely small wound size.

9. The likely impact on tree appearance would be low, very mildly detrimental but tolerable provided that a natural outline and tapering branches are retained through the use of suitable growth points.

Conclusion

10. In summary the proposed works are for sound reasons and would have a sufficiently low impact on tree health and appearance to be considered acceptable.

11. Members are recommended to approve the application.

RECOMMENDATION: CONSENT

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CONDITIONS

1. TL14 Tree Consent – Commencement

The tree works hereby granted consent shall be carried out within 2 years of the date of this decision.

Reason: In order to comply with Policy 73 of the Bromley Local Plan and in the interest of good arboricultural practice and the visual amenities of the area.

INFORMATIVES

1. You are advised that formal consent is not required for the removal of deadwood, dangerous branches and ivy from protected trees.