

Householder Planning Application

Tree Report to accompany a Householder Planning Application

Oxford House, Cherry Lane, Bolney, RH17 5PR

Within a 15m radius of the proposed works, there are two trees:

1. Existing apple tree (T1), see Drawing 22534 – 107 Tree Report

T1 is 1.3m from the proposed works, the proposal is to transplant it to a spot 6m away on the existing lawn.

Apple trees are one of the fruit trees that are most amenable to transplanting, in order to transplant successfully:

- it is important that the root system is preserved.
- The new soil line is not any lower than the original
- The differences in the old and new environments are as minimal as possible

The new environment and soil is near identical if not very similar as the tree is being transplanted a distance of 6m so conditions are favourable.

The transplant will be done in mid to late winter in February or March, before the tree breaks dormancy.

It would be replanted at the same depth so the root ball is set on firmly packed soil, and backfilled with soil from the excavated hole.

The apple tree will be provided with ongoing care post transplant:

- Regular watering initially, 1 – 2 times weekly
- spreading mulch over the root area to retain moisture in the soil
- staking the tree to prevent tipping in wind
- Minimal pruning in the first year post transplant

2. Existing horse chestnut (T2). see Drawing 22534 – 107 Tree Report

T2 is located outside of the application site boundary but within the 15m radius of proposed works

Its canopy is approximately 8.5m in diameter and its centre is 11.5m from the closest point of proposed works.

Tree protection fencing will be erected alongside the existing patio edge retaining wall and out to the north boundary. The Existing patio / hard standing already acts as a barrier between works and the existing grass.

Whilst this is not a true radius tree protection area, it makes sense to place protection fencing on the edge of the existing patio/hard standing to protect the soft 'green' area where there may be tree roots, from proposed works.

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