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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

Suffix

Property Name

Maes y Pant community woodland

Address Line 1

Pant Lane

Address Line 2

Gresford

Town/City

Wrexham

Postcode

LL12 8HU

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

Easting (x)

335295

Northing (y)

355221

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')

This is a community woodland accessed through a small car park off Pant Lane in Gresford. The 5 trees in question are within the woodland and close to the boundary with our neighbour's property at 2, The Conifers, Gresford. The postcode for The Conifers is LL12 8HU.

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Dr

First name

Ian

Surname

Happs

Company Name

Maes y Pant/Hollowfield Action Group Limited

Address

Address line 1

Green Farm

Address line 2

The Green

Address line 3

Gresford

Town/City

Wrexham

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

LL12 8RG

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

◯ Yes
⊘ No

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED ******

Secondary number

***** REDACTED ******

Email address

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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

Maes Y Pant/Hollowfield Action Group is a registered charity (1169422) which owns and manages the 72 acres of woodland known as Maes Y Pant as a haven for nature and for people.
We had a Quantified Tree Risk Assessment (QTRA) survey performed by Peter Gardner of North Wales Tree Consultancy on 9th September 2025 (attached report dated 12th September 2025). 23 trees along our southern and eastern borders were included in the survey and work was advised on 5 of those. They are all Scots Pine close to the boundary with the rear garden of 2, The Conifers, Pant Lane, Gresford.
2 of the trustees visited the site again on 13th October 2025, with Gareth Buckley, arboriculturist with local tree management company Treehogs. Gareth advised that the work would be safest if all done together as removing T898 first may affect the stability of the adjacent trees. For that reason we are submitting an application to complete all of the advised work at the same time (see QTRA report).

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)

QTRA survey and map

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)

Safety. The trees concerned are in poor condition and the work is to mitigate future risk to our neighbour's property.
All of the trees in the survey have been tagged. The following is quoted from the QTRA report:

T896 -Crown and stem biased over property boundary no crown development
northwest side, browning of needles in lower crown
Tree poses low risk; however due to stem lean and crown form the tree will
continue growing over the residential property, removal will mitigate future
risk and pull back the woodland edge - recommendation: fell to ground.

T897 - Slender drawn up stem leaning towards the property 90 degree kink at 8m
Poor form tree posing low risk currently unlikely to improve with time. Removal
will mitigate future risk and pull back the woodland edge from residential properties - recommendation: optional fell to 4m pole wound stem and use coronet cut to mimic natural fracture.

T898 - Crown in poor condition sparse needle density
Stem lean to east over property. Large deadwood forming in the top of the crown - recommendation: reduce to 4m pole wound stem for habitat Coronet cut
to mimic natural fracture.

T899 - Good needle density and colour relative to adjacent pines
High crown at 6m straight stem with kink at 5m
Dense ivy has formed on the stem now dying back - recommendation: optional reduce to 4m pole to remove long term risk
and pull back woodland edge from property.

T900 - Crown and stem biased southeast towards property garden located on
woodland edge thin crown with browning needles possible desiccation from dry
summer no crown development to north dense ivy on stem severed now dying back no evidence of basal decay
Tree is poor form unlikely to improve - recommendation: reduce to 4m standing deadwood along with dead
stems to west marked with pink dot.

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

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

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

Alleged subsidence damage

- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

Trees - Additional Information

Are you providing additional information in support of your application?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

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

Quantified Tree Risk Assessment by North Wales Tree Consultancy - 12th September 2025

Map showing individual tree points and tree groups Maes Y Pant

Tree Ownership

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

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

Tree Preservation Order Details

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

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

Do you know the title of the Tree Preservation Order?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

If Yes, please give title of the Tree Preservation Order

WCBC number 1

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

- [ ] Yes
- [x] 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
- [x] 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.

- [x] I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

Ian Happs

Date

13/10/2025