



## **Bristol Tree Forum: Planning Applications: 1. Dealing with the Planning Application List**

I hope that you have now got yourself on to the BCC Weekly Planning List distribution.

This is what the email from BCC looks like:

From: Development Management ★  
Subject: **Weekly List of Registered Planning Applications - Week beginning Monday 07 September 2020**  
To: Development Management ★

Dear All,

Please see attached list of registered planning applications for the week commencing Monday 07 September 2020.

Weekly lists are also available via Planning Online, please see the following link:

<https://planningonline.bristol.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=weeklylist>

Kind regards,

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Consultations: <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/consult>

and it comes with 2 attachments.

A Word list, and a pdf list. You can choose to open whichever you like.

Both are “interactive”, although that does not always work.



Open whichever you want and choose your Ward.

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**Weekly list of registered planning applications for the week commencing Monday 07 September 2020**

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Not every Ward has trees. You may well find that in any particular week there are no “tree” applications for you to look at in the Wards you have chosen to monitor. Phew!

Some Wards have nothing but trees, full of residents who want to chop them down and developers who want to rip them out to build a block of flats on the land.

How do I know which Applications are about trees?

Each Planning Application has a code number - a sort of “tag”. Also, when you click on that number, the Application (should) become live on your screen, and you can read the short description of it.

e.g.

<b>Application No.</b>	<a href="#">20/04031/VC</a>
<b>Date Received</b>	3 September 2020
<b>Date Registered</b>	7 September 2020
<b>Type of Application</b>	Works to Trees in Conservation Areas
<b>Site Address</b>	6 The Avenue Sneyd Park Bristol BS9 1PA
<b>Proposal</b>	Beech (B) - Reduce overhanging branches by up to 1.5m Thin overhanging crown by up to 10% to reduce density. Crown-lift by 3.5m removing lowermost branches that hang down over client's driveway.
<b>Applicant</b>	Titcombe
<b>Case Officer</b>	Tom Luck
<b>Tel No.</b>	0117 922 3728

Click on the following:

Ones that end with /VP - that application involves a tree with a Tree Protection Order (TPO. aka Tree Preservation Order)

Ones that end /VC - that application involves a tree in a Conservation Area

Ones that end /VD - that application is to fell a dead or dangerous tree with a Tree Protection Order

The above need checking. In some there is nothing to be done, or nothing you can do.

A Dead or Dying tree - nothing you can do or usefully say about that. Leave it to the expert - the Bristol Tree Officer.



A /VC or a /VP tree?

It is worth taking a look at these. There are other Applications worth checking, but we shall look at those later.

Ones, like the one in the example above, only involve some light trimming or pruning. These are proper tree management and may well lengthen the life of the tree, or at least stop it becoming such a nuisance to others that requests to fell it are deferred. Trees can cope with an up to 50% reduction, though that amount can be harmful.

The example application above is in my patch this week, and I'll not be commenting on it.

The only way to “save” a tree in a Conservation Area that someone wants to fell, is for the Tree Officer to make the tree a subject of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). In order to do that the tree has to “deserve” or “earn” the TPO.

There are criteria for awarding a TPO. One of them is public visibility (amenity). If the tree is in a Conservation Area but also in someone's back garden the chances of it getting a TPO are remote. But it can be worth making a comment on the Planning Portal (more later) about it - even if it only pricks the Applicant's conscience.

This will do for starters.