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Dear Mrs Carless

**REGULATION 14(2) NOTIFICATION FOR EMERGENCY WORKS
TREE PRESERVATION ORDER: 1449/2012
APPLICATION NUMBER: 251946
LOCATION: OUTSIDE NORTHWESTERN CORNER OF NIGHTINGALE FIELDS
ALLOTMENTS, ARBORFIELD, WOKINGHAM, BERKS**

This letter is in response to your regulation 14(2) notification which was received on the 19 August 2025, regarding the works listed below. Your notification has been **refused**.

Proposed works to Area 1 of TPO 1116/2006:

T1, Oak, T2, Oak, T3, Ash
- trim the limbs back to the fence or the trunk

Reasons stated for works:

There are two oak trees that have large limbs overhanging the allotment plot - see B site plan and CDE photos. Neither of the trees look particularly healthy and neither are robust, vigorous, well shaped specimens. Both contain a lot of dead wood as can be seen in photo D. There is significant risk to users of the allotment site, particularly for the plot holder of Plot 25, where the trees overhang. Falling limbs are the risk. It would be prudent to trim the limbs back to the fence or the trunk to prevent any possibility of injury to a plotholder or any future litigation for injury.

Officer comments:

Works should only be carried out to the extent that it is necessary to remove an 'immediate risk of serious harm'. If the danger presented by the tree is not 'immediate' then the tree does not come within the meaning of this exception. Hence your request has been refused. Removal of deadwood is exempt from the TPO controls and can therefore be performed at your earliest convenience if necessary.



When setting out the reasons for the proposed emergency works to trees an applicant is required to provide sufficient evidence to support the need for tree works. Proposals that would endanger the health or condition of a tree or greatly reduce its amenity value to the local environment are unlikely to be allowed unless there are strong reasons to do so.

The information submitted for emergency works fail to highlight any reasons to conclude that the tree branches are deemed an imminent threat, and the proposed works are justified in the interests of health and safety or structural damage, at this time.

Any future applications/notifications for pruning supported with sound arboricultural assessment and justification supporting such works would be duly considered.

You will need to submit a standard tree works application for the works proposed. Tree works applications can be submitted using the on-line application form through the Planning Portal, using the link: <https://www.planningportal.co.uk/> - you need to click on the planning applications on left hand side of the screen.

Guidance Notes:

https://ecab.planningportal.co.uk/uploads/1app/guidance/guidance_note-works_to_trees.pdf

If we can be of any further assistance, please contact the Tree Officer via:
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Yours sincerely



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