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Dear Ms Duckworth,

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER: 20/1973

APPLICATION NUMBER: 251571

LOCATION: LAND AT 174 BEARWOOD ROAD, BARKHAM, WOKINGHAM, RG41 4SH

I am writing to you regarding your application to carry out works to protected tree(s), which was received and validated on the 3 July 2025. As requested by Mr Nigel Fisher at the Council's Tree Officer's site visit on 31 July 2025, an additional holly located at the base of T004 is added to this application.

I can confirm Wokingham Borough Council **consents with conditions**, to the following work being carried out to tree(s) included in the above-mentioned Tree Preservation Orders (TPO):

Approved works to Woodland 1 of TPO 20/1973:

T001, Holly

- Coppice at ground level.

T002, Holly

- Reduce height by up to 1m and clip sides lightly.

T003, Holly

- Coppice at ground level.

T004, Copper Beech

- Crown lift lower branches over garden back to boundary line to create 5m canopy clearance above ground level; reduce elongated shoots in upper canopy by approx. 4m; reduce tips of branches on east side of crown.

T005, Common Ash

- Remove deadwood

T6, Holly

- Coppice at ground level

Reasons stated for works:

T001, Holly

- Previously suppressed by cypress conifers which have since been removed. This has prevented the trunk from growing vertical and it sweeps North over the garden of 17 Tiffany Close

T002, Holly

- Multi-stem large shrub / small tree. Foliage dense. Good vitality.

T003, Holly

- Twin stem from approximately 2.5m. Small tree, previously suppressed by cypress conifers which have since been removed. This has resulted in an aesthetically poor tree formed of dense shoots around base and lower trunk and sparse, suppressed foliage in the upper crown.

T004, Copper beech

- The tree cannot reasonably grow to its full potential without an unacceptable impact on the garden of 17 Tiffany Close. Selective works are therefore recommended to lightly prune the crown to create a well formed but compact canopy shape to which it can be managed back to in the future.

The consent is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. The above works must be completed before **7 August 2027** and in the event of the works not being completed by that date, further consent will be required.
2. Work must be carried out in accordance with British Standard 3998 – 2010 ‘Tree work - Recommendations’. Ensuring all cuts are taken back to suitable growth points.
3. Climbing spikes shall not be used whilst undertaking any form of works on living trees to be retained.

Reasons for conditions 1-3.....

1. To ensure that our records remain accurate.
2. To ensure the health, safety and visual amenity of the tree(s) and ensure works are undertaken in accordance with recognised arboricultural good practice.
3. Climbing spikes can cause extensive long-term damage to trees.

Informative:

If you are aggrieved by any of the conditions attached to your consent, you may appeal to The Planning Inspectorate (PINS). Because of coronavirus (COVID-19), you currently can only make a planning appeal online. You cannot currently apply by post.

For more information go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tree-preservation-order-appeal-form>

Telephone: 0303 444 5570 or e-mail it to: treeandhedgeappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Your appeal should be received within one month of receipt of this decision or any such longer period as the Planning Inspectorate may allow.

You are advised that this letter is in respect of the **Tree Preservation Order only** and it does not imply that consent would be forthcoming from the owner of the tree(s) or any such other persons from whom consent would be required.

If we can be of any further assistance, please contact the Tree and Landscape Officer via email to: development.control@wokingham.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Hannington". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'C' and 'H'.

Chris Hannington
Trees and Landscape Team Manager

Cc. Owner: 174 Bearwood Road, Barkham, Wokingham, RG41 4SH
Applicant: Mr Nigel Fisher, 17 Tiffany Close, Wokingham, RG41 3BN

Please note that your attention is drawn to the following information:

Bird Nesting Season and Presence of Bat Roosts

In accordance with the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981) and Countryside Rights of Way Act (2000), consideration must be given to the timing and type of tree work operations, to avoid causing disturbance to any nesting birds or bat roosts that may be present within the tree(s).

The Act makes it an offence (subject to exceptions) to intentionally kill, injure, or take, possess, or trade in any wild animal listed, and prohibits interference with places used for shelter or protection, or intentionally disturbing animals occupying such places.

It is advised that all non-urgent major tree work and hedge cutting operations are undertaken at a time to avoid disturbing nesting birds during the breeding season (to which the bird nesting season is considered to be from March to July). Where bats are suspected to be present, it is recommended that advice first be sought from a licenced bat specialist and if appropriate, the relevant licence(s) be obtained before any major tree work or hedge cutting commences.

Further information can be found at the following:

DEFRA (Department for the Environment Food and Rural Affairs)
Tel: 08459 33 55 77 or by email at helpline@defra.gsi.gov.uk
Website: www.defra.gov.uk/

Natural England
Tel: 0845 600 3078 or by email at enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk
Website: www.naturalengland.org.uk

Bat Conservation Trust
Tel: 0845 1300 228 or by email at enquiries@bats.org.uk
Website: www.bats.org.uk

Forestry Act 1967 and Felling Licences

If it proposed to fell a tree or trees greater than 5 cubic metres or sell more than 2 cubic metres of timber in any calendar quarter, a Felling Licence from the Forestry Authority may be required.

Please note that Felling Licences are not required to remove trees from domestic (residential) gardens. Where you are the landowner of large pieces of land with numerous trees, clarification from the Forestry Commission may be required as to whether a Felling licence is needed.

For more information on Felling Licences, please speak to the Woodland Officer at the Forestry Commission on 01296 696543

Further Information can be found on the Forestry Commission Website:
www.forestry.gov.uk