

PLANNING REF : 251317
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Evesham
: Houston Way, Crowthorne
: RG45 6BY
SUBMITTED BY : Dr John Douglas Graeme Groom
DATE SUBMITTED : 02/07/2025

COMMENTS:

As a near neighbour who walks past this woodland site (and the neighbouring non-woodland site of Monterey) I am concerned at this second application within about twelve months to remove trees from this property. The contrast between a tree-bereft Monterey and the woodland site is stark.

The current application describes a written "long term woodland plan which details the need for woodland management within the property boundary". The stated needs can be summarised as:

- Plant health: The diseases indicated are possibilities. Any such scientific justification needs to be much more definitive. Standing dead tree removal - yes. This however does not warrant 20% tree removal

- Deer: it does not require tree removal to manage deer damage. A fence should suffice.

- Squirrels: surely not a justification for 20% of trees to be removed (especially as the squirrels will focus on chestnut trees, not the scots pines

- Ditch clearing: again why remove 20% of the trees?

- Invasive species: Rhododendron removal does not require 20% tree removal.

- Climate change resilience: remove dead trees, but not 20% of the existing tree stock (living or dead)

This does not speak convincingly of the need for a major tree removal programme and I object to the application.