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Subject: Re: Tree in Conservation Area (TCA) application 260665 - Works to T1 Yew

Good Morning Lindsey

Thank you for your email.

I can confirm that Joy Scovell from St James Church is happy with the proposal you submitted for the Yew tree work, please take this email from us as confirmation too.

We are also happy for you to amend the application on our behalf.

Thank you in advance.

Kind Regards

Mandy

On Wed, 15 Apr 2026 at 15:06, Lindsey Abbott <Lindsey.Abbott@wokingham.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi Mandy,

I discussed the proposed tree works for the T1 Yew with my colleagues today. Could we suggest the following amended tree work specification for T1 Yew within the Tree (Works) in a Conservation Area application 260665?

- Tip reduce small diameter tertiary growth only to provide a 1.5m height clearance above ground level. (This should be sufficient clearance over gravestones, with only a slight bend to access the space under the canopy.)
- Final pruning cuts should not exceed 40mm in diameter.
- Strictly no pruning of, or back to, low sweeping structural branches.
- Removal of dead branches is exempt from the regulations.

If you/your team agree, then could you kindly confirm via return email within five business days that you are happy for me to amend your existing work proposal for T1 Yew? I will then write the response, which will be sent to you to proceed with the works.

Thank you very much and kind regards,

Lindsey Abbott

Tree and Landscape Officer

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Hi Mandy,

I'm confirming receipt and thank you very much for your prompt response. I want to discuss the proposed works for this tree (given its age) with my colleagues at our Wednesday meeting and will loop back with you if I need more information.

Thank you again, and kind regards,

Lindsey

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Good Afternoon

Thank you for your email.

I can confirm that the tree indicated by the red arrow in your photo is indeed the Yew tree in question.

To clarify, the proposed tree work is a 2-3metre crown lift from ground level, not the height of the existing lower limbs. It may slightly lose its sweeping character; however, no cuts will be made on any branches of 100mm or above.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any further questions.

Kind Regards

Mandy

On Thu, 9 Apr 2026 at 15:46, Lindsey Abbott <Lindsey.Abbott@wokingham.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Amanda and Joy,

Thank you for the TCA application 260665 for tree management of the Yew within the graveyard at St. James Church in Finchampstead.

I understand my colleagues have met with representatives of the church to discuss the mature trees within this Site. Yesterday, I visited the Site to look at T1 Yew and had a few questions I was hoping your arboriculturalist/tree surgeon could help me with:

1. Could you confirm that the tree with the red arrow in the attached photo is the correct tree specified within this application please?
2. Could you clarify in more detail the proposed tree works please? The application says "2-3m crown lift over the graves. This will give better access to the graves in

order to keep up regular maintenance of the graves and grass cutting.” We are concerned that crown lifting the yew by 2-3m from its existing height may require cutting into the larger diameter branches and change the sweeping character of this significant tree. Would these be cut or would you limit the works to only new shoots? In the second and third photos, please note how previous cuts caused the yew to send up vertical branches or nothing at all.

Thank you so much in advance for the additional information and kind regards,

Lindsey Abbott

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