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Dear Mr. Arnold,

**SECTION 211 NOTIFICATION OF WORK TO TREES WITHIN THE MURDOCH ROAD
CONSERVATION AREA
APPLICATION NUMBER: 250576
LOCATION: 12 CRESCENT ROAD, WOKINGHAM, RG40 2DB**

With reference to your notification which was received and validated on the 11 March 2025, I am writing to advise you that Wokingham Borough Council raises **no objections** to the proposed tree works being undertaken as specified within the MURDOCH ROAD Conservation Area.

Proposed works:

G1, Variegated Holly, Bay and Cypress:

- Remove all trees as close to ground level as practicable.

T2, Magnolia:

- Crown reduction by approx. 0.7m, reducing the height from 5m to 4.3m and the spread from 4m to 3.3m.

T3, Copper Beech:

- Crown reduction by approx. 1.5m, reducing the height from 12m to 10.5m and the radial spread from 5m to 3.5m; remove deadwood >25mm in diameter.

Officer comments:

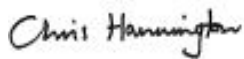
The subject trees to be removed are of moderate quality and inconspicuous within the landscape. The trees are growing in close proximity forming a composite crown and although they provide some limited immediate visual amenity when viewing between the buildings, they would not be worthy of individual TPO status. The Magnolia and Beech tree have a history of crown reduction, and the proposed works involve the reduction of regrowth from previous pruning points. Therefore, it is considered that the proposed works would not adversely affect the character and amenities of the Conservation Area and the serving of a TPO is considered unnecessary and inappropriate on this occasion.

Informatives:

- 1) You are advised that, in accordance with Part 4, 17 (4) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012, this decision is valid for **one pruning operation** (as per the approved specifications) to be undertaken **within two years** from the date of this notice, after which date the consent lapses, and a new Section 211 Notification will be required.
- 2) You are advised that this letter is in respect of the **Conservation Area 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 development.control@wokingham.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Hannington - Trees and Landscape Team Manager

cc. Applicant - Mr. David Reeve, 12 Crescent Road, Wokingham, RG40 2DB

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 meters or sell more than 2 cubic meters 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