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WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Dear Mr Perkes

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER: 910/1997
APPLICATION NUMBER: 251951
LOCATION: 32A WARREN ROAD, WOODLEY, WOKINGHAM, BERKS, RG5 3AR

I am writing to you regarding your application to carry out works to protected tree(s), which was received and validated on the 12 August 2025.

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 Group 1 of TPO 910/1997:

T001, Pedunculate Oak

- Section fell the western stem; reduce height of remaining eastern stem by 3.5m +/- 0.5m and back to suitable growth points, final post-pruning height to be no less than 19m; tip-reduce the remaining lateral branches by 1m (+/- 0.5m) and remove all deadwood over 50mm diameter.

T002, Pedunculate Oak

- Lightly prune the long lateral branch on the NE side that grows out over the shared driveway to ensure 5.5m height clearance, best achieved by reducing the length from 6.5m to 5.5m (+/- 0.5m with a final pruning cut of 75mm diameter); remove deadwood over 50mm diameter.

T003, Pedunculate Oak

- Remove deadwood over 50mm diameter. T004, Pedunculate Oak – Remove deadwood over 50mm diameter.

Approved works to Single 6 of TPO 910/1997:

T007 (T6 of TPO), False acacia

- Selectively prune the small and secondary branches to give 2m clearance to the house and car port.

Reasons stated for works:

T001, Pedunculate Oak

- *Two co-dominant stems from a tight bark-included union at 0.4m. Western stem exhibits significantly compromised vigour and 85% dieback. Foliage/canopy on the eastern stem appears to be slightly thinning with some epicormic flushing on the main stems mid-crown height. There is an old open basal trunk wound on the eastern stem that extends into a moderate but relatively well contained area of wood decay.*

T002, Pedunculate Oak

- *Old basal trunk wound, exposed wood is case-hardened with good surrounding callus formation, any decay or hollowing is seemingly well contained and not considered significant at this time.*

T003, Pedunculate Oak

- *The smaller less dominant stem arches out over neighbouring shrubs.*

T007, False acacia

- *Lower trunk leans north-east but corrects itself at around 2-3m. Canopy overhangs house, garage & driveway.*

The consent is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. The above works must be completed before **7 October 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’. All pruning cuts to be taken back to suitable growth points.
3. Climbing spikes shall not be used whilst undertaking any form of works on living trees, except on trees to be felled

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).
3. 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 clear, legible font.

Chris Hannington
Trees and Landscape Team Manager

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