

From: Lindsey Abbott
Sent: 18 March 2026 10:47:16 UTC+00:00
To: "'Nicholas Johnson'" <info@treescapearborists.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Application 260408 - Alexander House Tree work in a Conservation Area (Murdoch Road)

Hi Nick,

Thank you for the message back and your explanation. Of course, it is disappointing to lose a tree, particularly a horse chestnut because, like the ash, this species isn't being planted as much anymore due to concerns over various blights (bleeding canker, leaf miner etc). It seems a shame to fell a semi-mature tree that is in reasonably good health.

I will submit my comments to your application and upload it to our system. You should receive a letter in the near future.

Kind regards,
Lindsey Abbott

From: Nicholas Johnson <info@treescapearborists.co.uk>
Sent: 17 March 2026 08:34
To: Lindsey Abbott <Lindsey.Abbott@wokingham.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Application 260408 - Alexander House Tree work in a Conservation Area (Murdoch Road)

Hi Lindsey,

I believe that the clients would like to replant with a better specimen. As you say the Chestnut although not technically unhealthy, it isn't the greatest specimen and also with the leaf miner the leaves always turn brown very prematurely. They would also like to move the planting further away from the Conifer that overhangs from the neighbours property.

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On Mon, 16 Mar 2026 at 12:02, Lindsey Abbott <Lindsey.Abbott@wokingham.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi Nick,

I visited the Site for Tree Works in a Conservation Area application 260408 on Friday. I was wondering about T6, the Chestnut. While T6 may not be the strongest specimen in terms of form or quality, it does appear generally healthy, and I can't see any obvious defects that would justify removal on arboricultural or safety grounds. Could you clarify your reasons for the proposed felling or provide further supporting information as the application suggests the tree is "struggling?"

See photos attached.

Thank you,

Lindsey

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From: Nicholas Johnson <info@treescapearborists.co.uk>

Sent: 12 March 2026 15:14

To: Lindsey Abbott <Lindsey.Abbott@wokingham.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Application 260408 - Alexander House Tree work in a Conservation Area (Murdoch Road)

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Hi Lindsey,

The side gate is unlocked, also if for whatever reason you want get in that way you can press the 'trade' button on the double gate.

Many Thanks

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On Thu, 12 Mar 2026 at 15:00, Lindsey Abbott <Lindsey.Abbott@wokingham.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Nick,

I'm going to be up in Wokingham tomorrow but had two site visit cancellations for planning application and time in my schedule to look at the trees in your application 260408 - Alexander House Tree work in a Conservation Area (Murdoch Road). I think Alexander House contains flats. If I'm able to fit it in with my schedule, is the iron pedestrian gate left unlocked to provide access to the garden and look at the trees (T1 – T6) or would I need to be accompanied by a resident or yourself? It's unclear from Google Streetview and I can see the vehicular entrance is gated and locked. See image below.

Thank you!



Kind regards,
Lindsey

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