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Dear Mr Cantell,

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER: 811/1996

APPLICATION NUMBER: 250030

SITE ADDRESS: BLUEBELL HOUSE, 126 BARKHAM ROAD, WOKINGHAM, RG41 2RP

I am writing to you regarding your application to carry out works to protected tree(s), which was received and validated on the 08 September 2024. Please accept my apologies for the delay in determining this application.

I can confirm Wokingham Borough Council **consents with conditions**, to the following works, being carried out to tree(s) included in the above-mentioned Tree Preservation Order (TPO):

Proposed tree works to A1 of TPO 811/1996:

- T1, Oak - Section fell to just above ground level.
- T2, Horse Chestnut - Remove the lowest 3 limbs to source.
- T3, Lime - Remove hanging branch.
- T4, False Acacia - Remove the lowest limb growing over the neighbouring garden.
- T5, Elm - Fell dead tree to just above ground level.
- T6, Douglas Fir - Remove the lowest limb.
- T7, Oak - Remove 2 no. lowest stubbed limbs.
- T8, Pine - Section fell dead tree to just above ground level.
- T9, Ash - Fell to just above ground level.
- T10, Lawson Cypress - Fell smaller tree to just above ground level.
- T11, Douglas Fir - Remove dead Ivy where possible.
- T12, Holly - Crown lift to approx. 4m by removing secondary growth only where possible.
- G2, Leyland Cypress x 2 - Remove low failed limb and bottom skirt of branches on right hand tree up to 2.5/3m.
- G4, Port Laurel, Oak and Holm Oak -Fell to just above ground level; grind out stump to depth of 8-10 inches below ground level.

Reasons stated for works:

T.1 Oak - Small self-set tree, leans towards neighbouring property. No chance of developing into a retainable tree as very suppressed under larger canopies

T.2 Horse Chestnut - Branches are low over neighbouring properties

T.3 Lime – Health and safety

T.4 False Acacia - Limb is over extended and could pose a threat in high winds. Looks to be defected from historic wounding

T.5 Dead Elm – Health and safety.

T.6 Douglas Fir - Low level limb blocking light from undergrowth species. Will become an issue if left to develop Front Garden

T.7 Oak - Poor historic pruning works

T.8 Dead Pine – Health and safety.

T.9 Ash - Small subservient tree showing signs of ADB

T.10 Smaller Lawson Cypress - Small subservient stems unlikely to develop in to a long term retainable species

T.11 Douglas Fir - Remove dead Ivy where possible

T.12 Holly - Low level over parking

G.2 Leyland Cypress x2 - General maintenance

G.4 Port Laurel, Oak and Holm Oak - Low level, low amenity value trees that won't develop into retainable species. Encroaching significantly on parking area and will become hazardous if left to develop

The consent is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. The above works must be completed before **14 March 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'. Ensuring all branches are taken back to a 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) and ensure works are undertaken in accordance with recognised arboricultural good practice. Ensuring all pruning cuts are made back to suitable growth points.
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 can currently 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 Officer via email to: development.control@wokingham.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,



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