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Dear Marc Wastle,

REGULATION 14(2) NOTIFICATION
CONSERVATION AREA: SONNING
APPLICATION NUMBER: 262690
LOCATION: POUND COTTAGE, POUND LANE, SONNING, WOKINGHAM, BERKS, RG4 6XE

This letter is in response to your valid regulation 14(2) notification which was received and validated on the 16 November 2026, regarding the works listed below.

I can confirm that under Section 14(1)(c) of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012, you can undertake the following works listed below, because the tree(s) are considered to be in the category of 'dead and/or dangerous'.

The Council has confirmed the trees are dead and/or dangerous and works are required to make the area safe. The Council deems it necessary to not object to the works listed below, at this time.

Proposed works to dead tree within Sonning Conservation Area:

T2, Sycamore

- fell to ground level.

Reasons stated for works:

Health and safety reasons.

[T]he Sycamore tree concerned (T2 on the Section 211 submission) is heavily affected by Sooty Bark Disease (Cryptostroma corticale). The tree exhibits extensive symptoms including numerous branch failures, suspended and hung-up limbs within the crown, significant brittle deadwood, and approximately 80% crown dieback. Clear evidence of the characteristic sooty fungal growth is present throughout the stem and crown.

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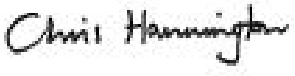
Informative:
A standard tree works application will be required for any works which are not covered by this exemption. Tree works applications can be submitted using the online application form through the Planning, using the link: https://www.planningportal.co.uk/ - you need to click on 'planning applications' on left hand side of the screen.

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 may 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

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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

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