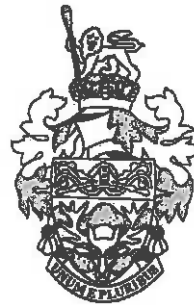


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My ref: PC/TPO1059/2004/173259



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Dear Mr Lewin

**TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 1059/2004:
APPLICATION NUMBER-173259
SITE ADDRESS- 16 THE LAURELS, WOODLEY, READING, RG5 3BA**

With reference to your application received on 21st November 2017 and my site visit on 12th December 2017. I am writing to advise you that Wokingham Borough Council **consents with conditions**, to the following work being carried out to the trees included in the above-mentioned Tree Preservation Order (TPO):

Proposed work to Group 1 of TPO 1059/2004:

Oak X 4 (G1 of enclosed plan WBC-173259)

-To each tree-reduce lateral spread by 2 metres all round up to a maximum height of 7 metres.

Reasons for work:

To reduce overhang of car-port and street lamp.

The consent is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. The above works must be completed before 30th December 2019 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'.

Reasons for conditions 1-2.....

1. To ensure that our records remain accurate.
2. To ensure the health, safety and visual amenity of the tree(s).

Advisory

The trees were visually inspected by Paul Collins on 12th December 2017 and viewed from ground level at the front and side of the property.

If you are aggrieved by this decision or by the conditions imposed, you may appeal to The Planning Inspectorate (PINS), The Environment Team, Room 4/04, Kite Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN by notice in writing 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.

Yours sincerely



Chris Hannington

Trees and Landscape Team Manager

cc:

Cllr. Mike Haines

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 is 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