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## WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Dear Mr Addis,

**TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER: 1356/2010**

**APPLICATION NUMBER: 250212**

**LOCATION: HENNERTON COURT, HENNERTON, WARGRAVE, BERKS, RG10 8PD**

I am writing to you regarding your application to carry out works to protected tree(s), which was received on the 29 January 2025 and validated on the 04 February 2025.

I can confirm Wokingham Borough Council **refuses consent**, to the following work being carried out to tree(s) included in the above-mentioned Tree Preservation Orders (TPO):

**Proposed Tree Works to Single 2 of TPO 1356/2010:**

T2, Oak: Crown reduction by 2.5m

**Reasons stated for works:**

*The tree has a lot of deadwood and a lot of threat of wood falling. images provided, mature oak also needs crown reduction.*

**Reasons stated for refusal:**

The subject Oak tree is situated in a prominent location clearly visible from the surrounding public highway making a significant contribution to the street scene and appearance of the local area. The proposed reduction by approximately 2.5m would cause excessive loss of live material creating multiple pruning wounds allowing the ingress of decay and dysfunction.

Crown reduction is an operation normally carried out on trees if, owing to decay or structural weakness, there is a need to prevent failure of the tree in whole or part. The reasons for the proposed works do not appear to be based on any arboricultural need and no additional diagnostic information has been submitted to support the application.

A balanced energy level and photosynthetic capability are vital to a trees health and wellbeing, especially when trees are mature. The proposed work would compromise the trees ability to sustain itself in the future and lessen its stature in the local landscape reducing its amenity value.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to supply adequate proof with the TPO application, in the form of 'written arboricultural advice or other diagnostic information from an appropriate expert.' To date, no detailed arboricultural information has been submitted to demonstrate the condition of the tree as being significantly impaired or that the works are to address an immediate health and safety concern.

**Due to the reasons stated above your application has been refused.**

Any future applications submitted with additional evidence and justification for the works, will be duly considered.

You are advised that dead wood may be removed from a living tree without the need to formally notify/seek consent from the Local Authority under an exemption of the Town and Country Planning - Tree Preservation (England) Regulations 2012 (6 April 2012).

**Informative:**

If you are aggrieved by the refusal of works or any of the conditions attached to your consent, you may appeal to The Planning Inspectorate (PINS). You can only submit a planning appeal online.

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](mailto: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](mailto:development.control@wokingham.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely,



Chris Hannington  
Trees and Landscape Team Manager

cc. Applicant - Mr Srini Reddy, 130 Barkham Road, Wokingham, RG41 2RP

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](mailto:helpline@defra.gsi.gov.uk)  
Website: [www.defra.gov.uk/](http://www.defra.gov.uk/)

Natural England  
Tel: 0845 600 3078 or by email at [enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk)  
Website: [www.naturalengland.org.uk](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk)

Bat Conservation Trust  
Tel: 0845 1300 228 or by email at [enquiries@bats.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@bats.org.uk)  
Website: [www.bats.org.uk](http://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](http://www.forestry.gov.uk)