

PLANNING REF : 251317
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Houston Way
: Crowthorne
: RG45 6BY
SUBMITTED BY : Mr J MCCORMICK
DATE SUBMITTED : 30/06/2025

COMMENTS:

As a direct neighbour to the woodland, I wish to comment on this application.

The woodland is thriving with a healthy ecosystem, supporting the council's previous report and refusal. Natural thinning from wind and root lift allows sunlight for regrowth, so why is mechanical tree removal needed?

This is the second such application, now presented as an environmental maintenance plan. The main objective seems to be removing trees and undergrowth and fencing the boundary. Considering the applicant's history of unnecessary tree removal and urbanisation at the adjoining plot of Monterey, who will assess the trees, determine the quantity, and decide the frequency of maintenance if approved? If he has LANTRA training, can carry out perform these assessments without council oversight as potentially this could mean after 5 years there would be no woodland left, based on his initial assessment of 20% - although better than the original 30% that was applied for last year.

The application involves three key elements: removing trees, clearing natural scrubland, and cleaning drainage ditches. These drains connect to the land drains in Houston Way, running parallel to Lower Wokingham Road before discharging into Kings Mere lake.

Implementing these changes could impact the residents of Houston Way and beyond due to potential flooding.