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Dear Mr. Steve Woollard,

**SECTION 211 NOTIFICATION OF WORK TO TREES WITHIN THE WARGRAVE
CONSERVATION AREA
APPLICATION NUMBER: 260261
LOCATION: WARGRAVE MANOR, WARGRAVE HILL, WARGRAVE, WOKINGHAM, RG10
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With reference to your notification which was received and validated on the 2 February 2026, I am writing to advise you that Wokingham Borough Council raises **no objections** to the proposed tree works being undertaken as specified within the Wargrave Conservation Area.

Proposed works:

- PL21 - Copper beech
 - Fell
- PL32 – Lime
 - Crown reduce by 3m.
- PL103 - Cherry
 - Fell.
- PL117 - Lime
 - Fell
- T62 - Beech
 - Fell
- T69 - Cypress
 - Fell
- T75 – Beech
 - Crown reduce by 3m
- T76 - Copper beech –
 - Crown reduce by 3m.

- T191 - Lime
 - Reduce height by 4-5m and reduce over extended lateral by 3m.

Reasons stated for works:

Diseased or defected in some capacity.

Officer comments:

The Council's Officer was supplied with photographs of the trees included within this application by the tree care manager and observed the following:

- PL21 - Copper beech. – At its base and stem, this tree contains a likely long-term wound, possibly caused by mechanical damage or deer browsing, that has now decayed.
- PL32 – Lime – This tree contains some damage to its stem.
- PL103 - Cherry – This tree contains a dying or dead main leader with a possible secondary crown.
- PL117 - Lime – This tree is dead.
- T62 - Beech – This tree has included bark with major union decay which could lead to structural weakness making the tree vulnerable to damage during storms or high winds.
- T69 - Cypress – This tree contains an unsound union between stems could lead to structural weakness making the tree vulnerable to damage during storms or high winds.
- T75 – Beech – This beech appears to be drawn up with an odd growth pattern.
- T76 - Copper beech – 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. Beeches generally do not respond well to crown reduction. It is difficult to observe from the photo provided what defect(s) exist that may compromise this tree's structural integrity and thus require crown reduction. However, the Tree Care Manager has indicated there is a defect.
- T191 - Lime – This tree appears to have been reduced previously. The Officer consent to the described pruning however the Officer suggests two years plus between future pruning for this particular tree species.

The work planned for PL32, T75, T76 and T191 will neither be detrimental to the health or safety of the trees nor will it adversely affect the visual amenity of the Conservation Area. PL21, PL103, PL117, T62, and T69 do not meet the criteria for inclusion in a Tree Preservation Order at this time. The Wokingham Borough Council therefore raises no objections to the proposed works and encourages adherence to best arboricultural practice as set out in BS 3998:2010 - Tree Work - Recommendations, ensuring minimal impact on the trees and the wider woodland environment.

Trees included in this application are mature, and whilst they are failing through disease, decay, or defects, they provide local tree cover and contribute to the wider visual amenity and environmental context of the area. It is recommended that replacement tree planting be carried out within the boundaries of the property to offset the loss of the trees to be removed.

Informatives:

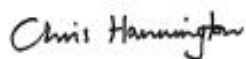
- 1) You are advised that, in accordance with Part 4, 17 (4) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012, this decision is valid for **one pruning operation** (as per the approved specifications) to be undertaken **within two years** from the

date of this notice, after which date the consent lapses and a new Section 211 Notification will be required.

- 2) 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Hannington". The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear, legible font.

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