

PLANNING REF : 250986
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 240a Nine Mile Nine Mile Ride
: Finchampstead, Wokingham
: RG40 3QD
SUBMITTED BY : Mr And Mrs Roger & Sally-Ann Black
DATE SUBMITTED : 03/05/2025

COMMENTS:

Re: Planning Application Number 250986
Site: 240A Nine Mile Ride Finchampstead Wokingham RG40 3QD
Description: APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO PROTECTED TREE(S) TPO
1879/2022, T1 T1, Oak - Crown lift to 5.2m over highway and 2.3m
over footpath; remove deadwood.

For the avoidance of doubt, we are not objecting but rather supporting this application, however with the following comments. Further to the recent inspection of the tree carried out by or on behalf of WBC, it states on the application that the tree "is diseased or you have fears that it might break or fall" and the following works have been proposed: "5.2m crown lift over highway & statutory 2.3m crown lift over footpath - contractors will also be carrying out a deadwood of the canopy (TPO exemption). The works are to ensure that there is obstruction (sic - assume 'no obstruction' is meant!) to highway network, and to mitigate the risk of falling debris (deadwood) on the adopted HW network."

Can you please confirm that these works will be carried out over the whole tree, including the parts which overhang the entrances to our property and that of our neighbour at 240b, since obviously the same risks apply?

We have had several dead branches fall from this tree onto our property, including one only recently right across our entrance, which we have emailed photographs of to planning.enquiries@wokingham.gov.uk. Clearly, from an aesthetic viewpoint, failing to give the same balanced treatment to the whole tree would be inappropriate as well as potentially reckless by ignoring previously identified risks.