

PLANNING REF : 261895  
PROPERTY ADDRESS : School Green Centre  
: School Green, Shinfield  
: RG2 9EH  
SUBMITTED BY : Bruce Winton  
DATE SUBMITTED : 04/09/2026

COMMENTS:

Shinfield Parish Council has reviewed the submitted application relating to works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order at Hillside on Brookers Hill. The Parish Council is concerned that the information currently available is insufficient to enable a meaningful assessment of the proposal.

The submitted documents appear to comprise only a hand-drawn sketch identifying the location of the trees. No arboricultural report, tree condition survey, schedule of proposed works, supporting photographs or arboricultural justification for the proposed works appear to have been provided.

In the absence of this information, the Parish Council is unable to assess:

- the condition and health of the trees;
- the extent of the proposed works;
- the arboricultural justification for the works;
- the impact on the amenity value of the trees;
- the contribution made by the trees to the character of Brookers Hill and the wider area;
- whether the proposed works are necessary and proportionate; and
- whether the proposed works accord with recognised arboricultural best practice.

The Parish Council notes that protected trees make an important contribution to the landscape character, visual amenity and biodiversity value of the parish and should only be subject to works where sufficient evidence has been provided to justify intervention.

Without supporting arboricultural information, the Parish Council is unable to assess compliance with:

Wokingham Borough Core Strategy

- Policy CP3 - General Principles for Development, which seeks to protect and enhance the quality and character of the local environment.

- Policy CP7 - Biodiversity, which seeks to conserve and enhance biodiversity and natural assets.

Wokingham Borough Managing Development Delivery (MDD) Local Plan

- Policy CC03 - Green Infrastructure, Trees and Landscaping, which seeks the protection and retention of trees, hedgerows and landscape features and requires development proposals to demonstrate how these assets have been considered and protected.

Shinfield Neighbourhood Plan

- Policy 2 - General Design Principles, which seeks to ensure development protects and enhances local character and environmental quality.

- Policy 6 - Trees, Hedgerows and Woodland, which supports the retention and protection of important trees, hedgerows and woodland features within the parish.

- Policy 7 - Biodiversity, which seeks to protect and enhance biodiversity assets and ecological value.

Conclusion

Given the absence of sufficient supporting information, Shinfield Parish Council is unable to make an informed assessment of the proposed works or their impact on protected trees. The Parish Council therefore requests that further arboricultural information be submitted, including a clear specification of the proposed works and justification for those works, before the application is determined. Until such information is provided, Shinfield Parish Council is unable to support the application