



Re: 6 Pineridge cottages

From Tree Management <treemanagement@wokingham.gov.uk>
Date Wed 26/08/2026 15:15
To Emma Horton <Emma.Horton@wokingham.gov.uk>; Tree Management <treemanagement@wokingham.gov.uk>
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Hi Emma,

Further to your enquiry, a follow-up inspection of the oak tree has now been undertaken (21/08/2026) to establish the condition of the stem base and to investigate the cause of the recent canopy decline.

During the inspection, no visible defects were identified at the base of the tree that would explain the sudden deterioration in the crown. In particular, there were no fungal fruiting bodies, cavities, or other obvious structural defects present that would indicate a specific cause for the decline. While the precise cause of the decline cannot be determined from a visual inspection alone, there are a number of factors that can contribute to a sudden deterioration in the canopy of a mature oak. These may include prolonged environmental stress such as drought, root disturbance or damage, changes in soil conditions, compaction within the rooting area, pathogen activity affecting the root system, or a combination of these factors. It is not uncommon for symptoms to become apparent within the canopy several years after the initial causal event. Given the extent of dieback now evident throughout the crown, the tree's physiological condition has deteriorated significantly, regardless of the original cause.

Notwithstanding the absence of identifiable defects at the base, the tree is exhibiting severe canopy decline and, as a result, I consider it necessary to undertake significant hazard abatement works. To mitigate the risk of falling branches and debris, and to reduce wind loading on the tree, I recommend that the entire canopy is crown reduced. As you are aware, the tree is protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO), and consent will therefore be required before any works can proceed. Tree Management is able to submit the TPO application on your behalf and can also arrange for the recommended works to be tendered through the Council's approved framework agreement. This approach will ensure that suitably qualified contractors are engaged and should provide the best value for money.

Recommendation: The canopy must be reduced by 6 metres +/- 0.5 metres and the lateral growth adjusted to balance the shape allowing for future growth.

Please confirm whether you would like Tree Management to submit the tree works application on your behalf, and we will be happy to progress this matter accordingly.

Should you have any questions regarding the recommendation or the application process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Mike

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Thanks Mike,

Can you let me know the outcome please.

Thanks

Emma

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Hi Emma

Thanks for confirming

I will pencil a follow inspection for this Friday

Regards

Mike

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Hi

Please see all vegetation around the base of the tree has now been removed.

Pease can you escalate any further inspections and works as this case has been on going for some time.

Please let me know what the next steps are

Many thanks

Emma

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