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Dear Mrs. Marcia Milsom,

SECTION 211 NOTIFICATION OF WORK TO TREES WITHIN THE SINDLESHAM CONSERVATION AREA

APPLICATION NUMBER: 252656

**LOCATION: RECREATION GROUND, BEARWOOD ROAD, SINDLESHAM, WOKINGHAM,
BERKS, RG41 5DU**

With reference to your notification which was received on 30 October 2025 and validated on 10 December 2025, I am writing to advise you that Wokingham Borough Council raises **no objections** to the proposed tree works being undertaken as specified within the Sindlesham Conservation Area. The proposed works to T36B, Silver birch has been removed as per email communication between the Council's consultant Lindsey Abbott and yourself on 16 December 2025. Please also accept our apologies for this late reply.

Proposed works:

T16, Sweet Chestnut – Fell.

T32, Lime - Crown lift over path to 4m and cut back away from light by 1m.

T33A, Lime - Crown lift over path to 4m.

T382, Cherry – Fell.

Reasons stated for works:

T16 – Sweet Chestnut, It is a sucker which has developed from an old fell. The western most limb over the car park is showing signs of decay so should all be removed.

T32 – Lime, crown raise over path and away from light

T33A – Lime, crown raise over path

T382 – Cherry, Evidence of decay- Root heave. Fruiting bodies which have appeared since last survey

Officer comments:

The Officer observes that the work is required in order to ensure future compatibility with the site because some of the trees are close to public amenities such as visitor parking areas or public

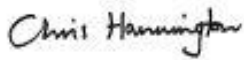
rights of way or vehicular routes, and for health and safety reasons. The work will neither be detrimental to the health or safety of the trees nor will it adversely affect the visual amenity of the Conservation Area. All works will be carried out in accordance with BS3998:2010 'Tree Work Recommendations'.

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, slightly slanted style.

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