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Dear Mr. Hannington,

**APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREES WITHIN THE GARDEN OF 14 HIGHGATE ROAD, WOODLEY
PROTECTED UNDER WOODLAND TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO. 003 / 1951.**

I am writing to you with regards to an application to fell two Cypress Conifers within the garden of 14 Highgate Road, Woodley and to raise the crown of a Scots pine to create reasonable clearance to the roof of the property.

14 Highgate Road is an end of terrace property. The property has a large garden compared with neighbouring properties due to the presence of the trees and evidently the land was excluded from development so as to protect and retain the stand of Scots pine trees in this area. The property owner – Claire Clough loves the garden and the amenity the Scots pines provide to the local area.

Within this application, minor works proposed are to raise the canopy of T002 (Scots pine) to create 1.5m canopy clearance to the roof of 14 Highgate Road. The tree is growing 2m from the dwelling and has an asymmetrical crown which extends over the property roof. The proposed pruning works are minor works to small branches but essential to create reasonable clearance to property.

Two younger Cypress trees – T001 - Monterey Cypress and T003 - Leyland Cypress are recommended for removal. Having reviewed the trees on site, I am satisfied that the trees are younger than the date of the TPO and that the trees do not form part of the original 'woodland' tree cover of Woodley which the old Tree Preservation Order (served in 1951) sought to preserve.

T001 (Monterey Cypress) is located to the front of the property with a suppressed, asymmetrical canopy. T003 (Leyland Cypress) is a multi-stem tree within the rear garden. The upper canopies of both T001 & T003 are beginning to grow into the crowns of the adjacent older Scots pine trees. The Scots pines are of greater arboricultural quality and higher landscape value and therefore important to protect and retain.

The proximity of T001 & T003 to adjacent pines means that the younger and more vigorous Cypress trees cannot reasonably be retained in this location without impacting on the crowns of the pines. Both trees are early – mature specimens, currently with limited wider visual amenity value but with the potential for significant future growth which is unsustainable in the current location.

In view of this my recommendation is to remove T001 - Monterey Cypress and T003 - Leyland Cypress to avoid suppression of the older pines by the more vigorous younger Cypress conifers. T001 & T003 are early-mature trees but with limited wider visual amenity from a public viewpoint.

ACCESS

In terms of access for the Tree Officer to view the trees - T001 (Monterey Cypress) is growing to the front of 14 Highgate Road and can be seen from the front of the property. T003 (Leyland Cypress) is to the rear and not visible from a public viewpoint. Please contact the property owner – Clare Clough on [REDACTED] if required for access to the rear garden area.

REPLACEMENT PLANTING

Following their removal, the property owner Ms. Gough is proposing to plant 2x Scots pine trees within the garden area to create sustainable long-term tree cover within the garden and ensure there is no net loss of trees on site following these works.

Young Scots pine trees will be 3-4 years old, around 150cm (4ft) high and grown and container grown.

Planting shall be undertaken during the dormant season, typically between November and March, avoiding periods of frost, snow cover, waterlogged ground, or prolonged dry conditions.

The young trees shall be irrigated for the first two years and maintained to ensure plants remain upright, correctly planted and protected. If either tree should die following planting, they will be replaced on a like-for-like basis during the next planting season.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this application.

Kind regards,

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LANTRA Professional Tree Inspector



cc. Clare Clough, 14 Highgate Road, Woodley RG5 3QR

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER PLAN

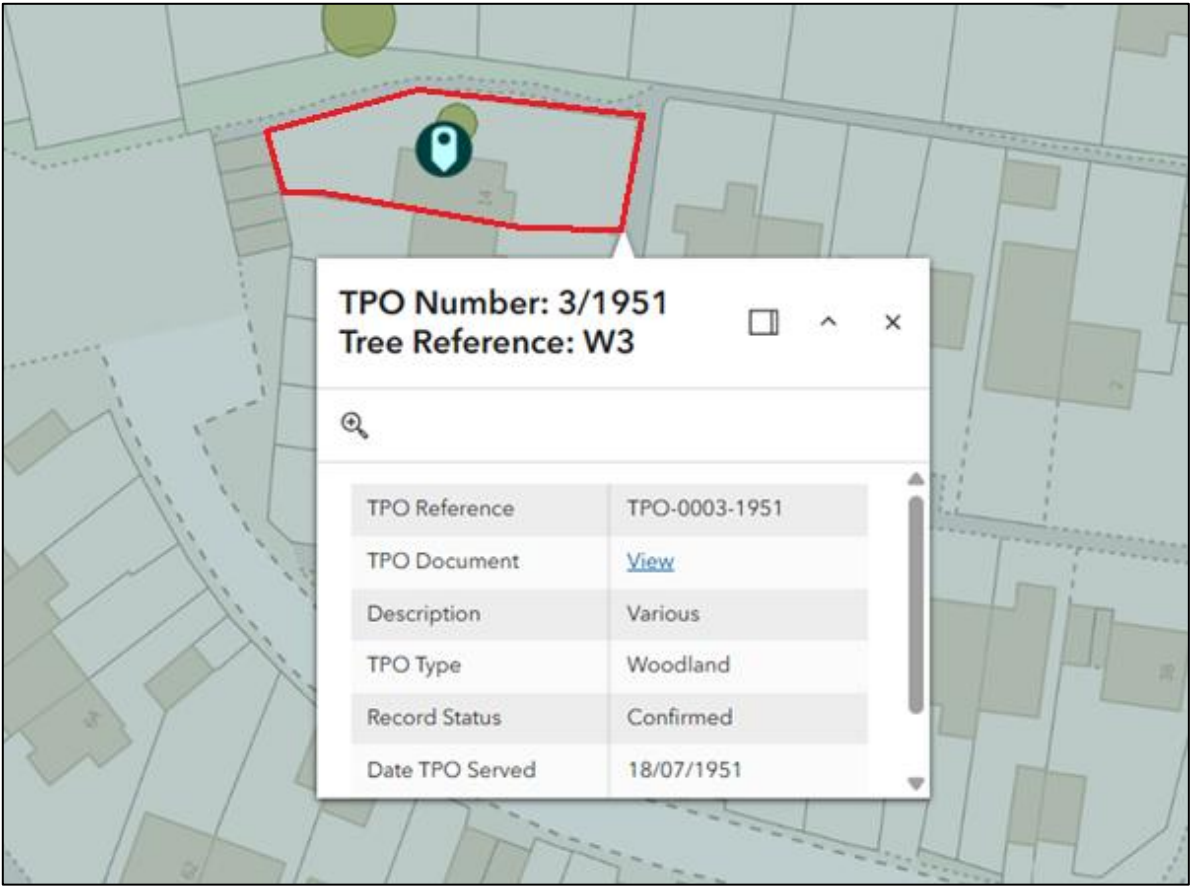


Figure 1 – Wokingham Borough Council Tree Preservation Order Map

SURVEY DATA

Ref.	Species	Measurements	Survey Notes	Condition	Inspect Period	Requested Works
T001	Monterey cypress (<i>Cupressus macrocarpa</i>)	Trunk diameters (mm): 470 Height (m): 13 Crown Radius (m): 4 Life Stage: Early Mature Life Exp.: 40+ Years	Early mature tree potential for significant future growth. low crown to 1.5m over garden. Foliage dense and even. Asymmetrical crown. Mechanical damage to exposed surface roots. Outer crown close to neighbouring residential property.	Fair	-	Fell to ground level
T002	Scots pine (<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>)	Trunk diameters (mm): 440 Height (m): 10 Crown Radius (m): 6 Life Stage: Mature Life Exp.: 40+ Years	Base clear, bark intact. No fungal fruiting bodies evident or audible decay. Tree is growing 2m from the side of the property Asymmetrical canopy within 0.5m canopy clearance of roof.	Good	2 Years	Crown lift smaller branches to create 1.5-2m canopy clearance over property roof.
T003	Leyland Cypress (<i>Cupressus</i> × <i>leylandii</i>)	Trunk diameters (mm): 2x 300 Height (m): 9 Crown Radius (m): 4-5 Life Stage: Early Mature Life Exp.: 40+ Years	Early mature tree potential for significant future growth. Multi-stem small tree broad low crown. Outer branch tips touching neighbouring Shed Suppressed, low asymmetrical canopy. Foliage dense and even. Good vitality.	Fair	-	Fell to ground level

SITE PLAN

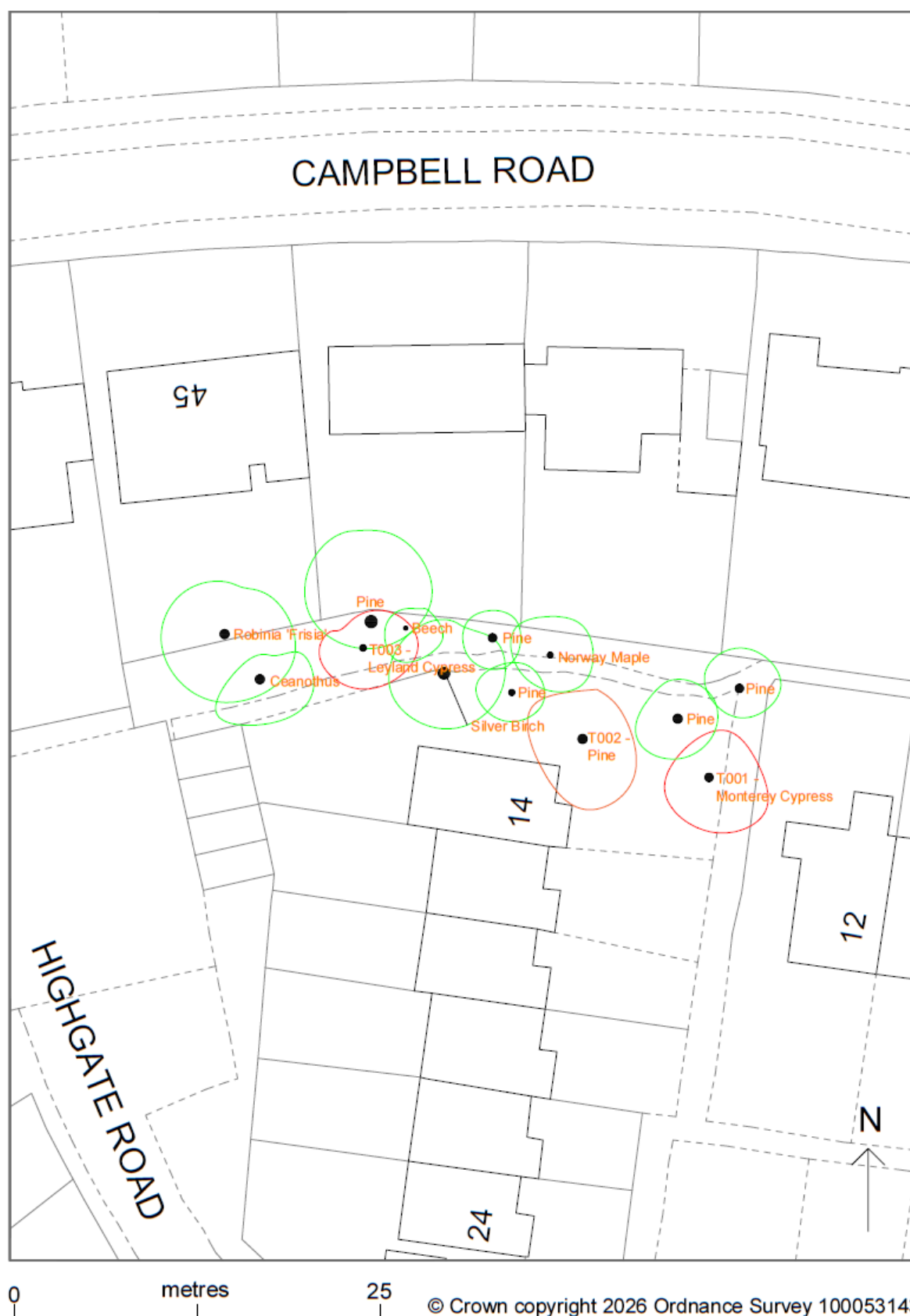




Photo 1 – T001 – Monterey Cypress.



Photo 2 – Side view of T001 – Monterey Cypress.



Photo 3 – T002 Scots pine – note asymmetrical canopy over residential property



Photo 4 – T002 Scots pine



Photo 5 – T003 – Leyland Cypress



Photo 6 – T003 – Multi-stem Leyland Cypress with mature pine to the rear (Pine is to be retained)