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cc: Mrs. Gill Mann, Applicant
Owner/Occupier, 54 London Road, Twyford, Reading RG10 9EU

Dear Mr. Nathan Cantell,

**SECTION 211 NOTIFICATION OF WORK TO TREES WITHIN THE TWYFORD
CONSERVATION AREA
APPLICATION NUMBER: 253131
LOCATION: 2 RUSCOMBE ROAD, TWYFORD, WOKINGHAM RG10 9JS**

With reference to your notification which was received and validated on the 23 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 Twyford Conservation Area.

Proposed works:

- T1, Sycamore - Section fell
- T2, Small Yew - Crown lift to approximately 1.8m –2m, by removing secondary growth only where possible.
- T3, Larger Yew - Crown reduce by approximately 20% of leaf area (this equates to reducing the existing crown by up to approximately 1.5m of the radial crown spread and up to approximately 1.5m of the height), leaving tree with natural crown shape for species in line with BS3998. Crown lift to approximately 2m by removing secondary growth only where possible.
- T5, Dying Cherry - Fell

Reasons stated for works:

“To remove secondary growth. Trees are leaning dangerously onto garden; branches are also falling.”

Officer comments:

The Officer observes that the work is required to ensure future compatibility with the site because some of the trees are dead and may pose public safety concerns if left unmaintained (T5 Cherry), are part of regular tree management (T2, T3 Yews) or have been maintained in a manner which has led to poor form and included bark at its unions (T1 Sycamore). The overhanging dead

crown, lateral branches, and stem of the neighbouring tree (T4 False Acacia) appear to be both internal and external to the Site and poses safety concerns. This tree can be seen from within the Site. Whilst felling T4 is for the common good of Site users and neighbours, you are advised that this letter is in respect of trees within the Site and **Conservation Area only**. It does not imply that consent would be forthcoming from the owner of the neighbouring tree (T4 False Acacia) or any such other persons from whom consent may be required. However, the location of T4 is identified as being within the rear garden of 54 London Road, Twyford, Reading, RG10 9EU. This property is located outside the Conservation Area. Notification for works to T4 is therefore, not required.

The Officer observes that there are two (2) protected trees located in the front garden of the Site in the Conservation Area. These single protected trees are identified as TPO-1466-2013 (designated as T1 Lime / Tilia) and TPO-1466-2013 (designated as T2 Lime / Tilia) and are located in the same planting bed as T5 Cherry tree listed for felling.

The Officer notes that Twyford Parish Council's Planning and Amenities Committee has requested that a replacement tree for T5 be considered. The applicant has already carried out recent planting of substantial trees, including a Beech, Cedar and three Silver Birch trees. Furthermore, the applicant verbally indicated their intention to install an orchard in the rear garden in the future. In this instance, the Officer does not request replacement planting.

The work planned for T1, T2, T3, and T5 will neither be detrimental to the health or safety of the trees nor will it adversely affect the visual amenity of the Conservation Area. T1, T4 and T5 do not meet the criteria for inclusion in a Tree Preservation Order at this time. The Wokingham Borough Council therefore raises no objections to the proposed works.

Additional comments:

T1 – Sycamore

The Officer observed this multi-stemmed tree which has the potential to develop *included bark* at its unions. Additionally, it appears to have been significantly crown/branch lifted over the years giving poor form, consequently the Officer has no objection to its removal.

T4 – Neighbouring False Acacia.

The Officer observed signs of decay within T4's few remaining lateral branches, crown, and stem. The Officer noted the stem as surrounded in English Ivy. T4 is located in the neighbouring property to the southwest of the Site (identified as 54 London Road, Twyford, Reading, RG10 9EU). As referenced above, T4 can be seen within the site and appears to be both internal and external to the Site and may pose safety concerns due to decay. Whilst felling T4 is for the common good of Site users and neighbours, you are advised that this letter is in respect of trees within the Site and **Conservation Area only**. It does not imply that consent would be forthcoming from the owner of the neighbouring tree (T4 False Acacia) or any such other persons from whom consent may be required. However, the location of T4 is identified as being within the rear garden of 54 London Road, Twyford, Reading, RG10 9EU. This property is located outside the Conservation Area. Notification for works to T4 is therefore, not required.

T5 – Cherry

The Officer observed signs of decline and decay within the Cherry's lateral branches, crown and at its base, possibly canker, where one stem of the tree has previously been felled.

Informatives:

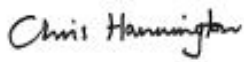
- 1) You are advised that, in accordance with Part 4, 17 (4) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012, this decision is valid for **one pruning**

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