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Dear Mr White,

**SECTION 211 NOTIFICATION OF WORK TO TREES WITHIN THE WARGRAVE
CONSERVATION AREA**

APPLICATION NUMBER: 252608

**LOCATION: HERONS CREEK AND WARGRAVE COURT, STATION ROAD, WARGRAVE,
WOKINGHAM, BERKS, RG10 8EU**

With reference to your notification which was received and validated on the 26 October 2024, I am writing to advise you that Wokingham Borough Council raises **no objections** to the proposed tree works being undertaken as specified within the Wargrave Conservation Area.

Proposed works:

T002, Sweet Gum

- Tip reduce lateral crown spread by between 1-1.5m back to suitable growth points; re-shape crown following storm damage.

T005, Deodar Cedar

- Remove major deadwood (approx. 3 no. branches).

T006, Himalayan Birch

- Target prune small branches/foliage to ensure 1m clearance from garage.

T011, Willow

- Remove as much as practicable on south-east bank.

T016, White Willow

- Reduce back to established high-pollard points at c15m.

T017, White Willow

- Reduce back to high pollard points at c17m.

T030, Holm Oak

- Reduce height back to historic pollard knuckles.

T031, Western Red Cedar

- Cut overhanging conifer limb back to the boundary.

G001, Mixed Species

- Remove as much of trees that have fallen in river as practicable on northwest bank; remove large, snapped hanging willow stem.

G002, Mixed Species

- Fell patch of dogwood and ivy to just above ground level; selectively crown lift trees along far northern bank of the river by approx. 2-2.5m.

Reasons stated for works:

T002 Sweet Gum: Re-shape crown following storm damage.

T005 Deodar cedar: Remove major deadwood

T006 Himalayan birch: ensure 1m clearance from garage.

T016 White willow: Reduce back to established high-pollard points at c15m.

T017 White willow: Reduce back to high pollard points at c17m.

T030 Holm oak: to provide sufficient clearance to property.

T031 Western red cedar: Cut overhanging conifer limb back to the boundary

T011 Willow: to keep waterway clear

G001 Mixed species: to keep waterway clear,

G002 mixed species: to improve site lines from the garden across the island to the Thames

Officer comments:

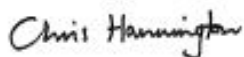
The Council considers that the proposed tree work is appropriate and necessary and can be undertaken in accordance with good arboricultural practice. Serving of a TPO to prevent or moderate the proposed works is considered unnecessary and inappropriate on this occasion. The Wokingham Borough Council raises no objections to the proposed works.

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,



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