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Dear Mr Parker,

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER: 1928/2023

APPLICATION NUMBER: 251964

LOCATION: WESTWOOD, LOWER WOKINGHAM ROAD, CROWTHORNE, WOKINGHAM, RG45 6BY

I am writing to you regarding your application to carry out works to protected tree(s), which was received and validated on the 14 August 2025.

I can confirm Wokingham Borough Council **consents with conditions**, to the following work being carried out to tree(s) included in the above-mentioned Tree Preservation Orders (TPO):

Approved works to W1 of TPO 1928/2023:

T2313, Silver Birch

- Reduce height to falling distance from the road.

T2319, Sweet Chestnut

- Crown reduction 2- 2.5m leaving no cut greater than 60mm.

T2335, Silver Birch

- Fell, leaving main stem as standing deadwood habitat.

T2344, Scots Pine

- Fell to ground level.

T2346, Silver Birch

- Fell, leave as standing deadwood habitat.

T2355, Silver Birch

- Reduce to 3m standing deadwood habitat.

T58, Silver Birch

- Fell to safe height 2-3m.

T2359, Scots Pine

- Fell to ground level.

Reasons stated for works:

Please refer to the submitted Tree Condition Survey REF: ACS24-1039 JAN25.

Officer comments

The proposed works relate to multiple trees within the designated Woodland TPO. The submitted Tree Condition Survey provides clear and detailed justification for each of the proposed operations, demonstrating that the works are necessary and proportionate in the interests of good woodland management, public safety, and habitat enhancement.

The proposals are considered to be reasonable and justified, with clear arboricultural reasoning set out in the accompanying documentation. The selective removal and reduction works will contribute positively to the ongoing management and structural diversity of the woodland, ensuring safety where trees are adjacent to the road while retaining valuable habitat features through the creation of standing and fallen deadwood.

Accordingly, the Council raises no objection to the proposed works. It is considered that the management of the woodland is being carried out appropriately and in line with good arboricultural and ecological practice.

The consent is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. The above works must be completed before **24 October 2027** and in the event of the works not being completed by that date, further consent will be required.
2. Work must be carried out in accordance with British Standard 3998 – 2010 ‘Tree work - Recommendations’.
3. Climbing spikes shall not be used whilst undertaking any form of works on living trees, except on trees to be felled

Reasons for conditions 1-3...

1. To ensure that our records remain accurate.
2. To ensure the health, safety and visual amenity of the tree(s).
3. Spikes can cause extensive long-term damage to trees.

Informative:

If you are aggrieved by any of the conditions attached to your consent, you may appeal to The Planning Inspectorate (PINS). Because of coronavirus (COVID-19), you currently can only make a planning appeal online. You cannot currently apply by post.

For more information go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tree-preservation-order-appeal-form>

Telephone: 0303 444 5570 or e-mail it to: treeandhedgeappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk
Your appeal should be received within one month of receipt of this decision or any such longer period as the Planning Inspectorate may allow.

You are advised that this letter is in respect of the **Tree Preservation Order 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 would be required.

If we can be of any further assistance, please contact the Tree and Landscape Officer via email to: development.control@wokingham.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Hannington". The script is cursive and fluid.

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