

MEMORANDUM

From:	Lindsey Abbott Tree & Landscape Officer	To (Case Officer):	Annabelle Jones
Service	WBC Landscape and Trees	App No:	261464
Address:	67 Roslyn Road, Woodley, Wokingham, RG5 3HT.		
Type of Development:	Other Householder		
Proposal:	Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey side and rear extension following the demolition of existing garage, roof alteration and dormer extension to facilitate a loft conversion. Plus addition of roof lights and changes to fenestration.		
Site Visit Made:	No		

Summary Of Recommendations

- ☐ No comment
- ☐ No objection
- ☐ No objection subject to conditions (and reasons) **stated below**
- ☒ Request further information before determination as **stated below**
- ☐ Objection due to the reason(s) **stated below**

Comments On Proposal

In principle, the Tree & Landscape Officer could support the landscape proposal for the front garden and driveway that accompanies the proposed development, however the Officer would like to see some minor changes made to the landscape design within the submitted drawing, *Location and Site Plan*. (Ref: Orange Key Design Studios, 26034/PL002 Rev P2, June 2026)

The proposed evergreen Wilson's Honeysuckle (*Lonicera nitida*) shrubs -- including their proposed size, spacing, and maintained height -- are appropriate for the suburban setting of the Site. The Officer would like to see the soft landscaping bed for the *Lonicera nitida* shrub-hedge **widened to 750mm at a minimum** and the shrub heavily mulched at time of planting. This width and the mulch will ensure the success of the shrubs and retention of moisture, since the location of the planting bed is between the proposed driveway/car park area surfaced with permeable paver units and an existing brick wall. The driveway and low brick wall will generate more heat and dry out the soil near the shrub's roots, a serious concern with Britain's increasingly hot dry summers. Additionally, the wall's foundations will remove underground growing space for the shrubs, so increasing the planting bed to 750mm will create more room for the hedge to establish and thrive.

The agent should accurately illustrate the width of the existing wall front boundary treatment and amend the width of the planting bed to 750mm within the Location and Site Plan. The Officer will then issue a No Objection response.

Conditions & Reasons (if required)			
Date:	03/09/2026	Signed:	L. Abbott