

MEMORANDUM

From:	Coralie Ramsey Trees and Landscape		
Service	WBC Landscape and Trees	App No:	242284
Address:	73 Bearwood Road, Barkham, Wokingham, RG41 4SX.		
Proposal:	Householder application for the proposed entrance gates and pillars.		
Type of Development:	Other Householder		
Site Visit Made:	Yes/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

I refer to submissions 221580; photos 24.9.2 and gate plans and elevations MH-10 14.10.24. Also, to Guidance (The Guidance): Ancient woodland, ancient trees and veteran trees: advice for making planning decisions.

The root protection area (RPA) for the oak tree subject of Tree Preservation Order 1841/2022 at no.75 is still incorrect as it has not been adjusted to consider the root impermeable surface of the Bearwood Road. However, as the oak is a veteran tree it has been allocated a non-construction buffer zone which accords with The Guidance. The proposed gates are now outside the required 5m exclusion area. I suspect the RPA would extend into the boundary area of no.73 to a similar amount as the buffer zone. So, all in all I believe the scheme adheres to relevant tree policies and guidance.

From a landscape perspective I suggest the gates are not out of keeping compared to others along the street. Importantly, the hedge is to remain, and this is welcomed, from a green infrastructure viewpoint.

Conditions & Reasons (if required)

None.

Date:	15.10.24	Signed:	C Ramsey
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