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My ref: CY/TPO/170/1980/252200



## WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Dear Nathan Cantell

**TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER: 170/1980**

**APPLICATION NUMBER: 252200**

**LOCATION: 14 ANTHIAN CLOSE, WOODLEY, WOKINGHAM, BERKS, RG5 4XA**

I am writing to you regarding your application to carry out works to protected tree(s), which was received on the 15 September 2025 and validated on the 17 September 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 Area 3 of TPO 170/1980:**

T1, Oak

- Clear fallen limb and prune stub,
- crown reduction by approx. 2m of the radial crown spread and up to approx. 2m of the height,
- crown lift to approx. 4.5 by removing secondary growth only where possible, and
- remove major deadwood.

G2, Oak

- Reduce the side of the canopy facing the property by approx. 2m to maintain clearance,
- crown lift to approx. 4.5m by removing secondary growth only where possible, and
- remove major deadwood.

**Reasons stated for works:**

T1, oak

- *T1 has suffered a significant failure, likely due to the obvious decay seen at the failure site and the heavy crop of acorns. This has changed the dynamic of the tree significantly and will have increased wind stress. Further to this, there are 2 further defects on the main stem and an internal crack on the limb above the failed section. We wish to reduce the canopy to aid the tree in dealing with the increased and changed wind stresses and*

*to lessen the likelihood of failure from the other noted defects. It is likely to fail further if left.*

- *The proposed works will help to prevent future conflict with the building.*
- *The tree is beginning to dominate and whilst the residents like and enjoy the positive aspects of the tree, they do not want it to become any larger and therefore want to manage it to contain the size and spread of the tree, to prevent future problems.*

G2, Oak

- *The works to T2 have been granted historically and therefore should be allowed again as good management of the tree in its urban environment*

**The consent is granted subject to the following conditions:**

1. The above works must be completed before **10 November 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’. Ensuring all branches are taken back to suitable growth points.
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](mailto: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](mailto:development.control@wokingham.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Hannington". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Chris" and last name "Hannington" clearly distinguishable.

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](mailto:helpline@defra.gsi.gov.uk)  
Website: [www.defra.gov.uk/](http://www.defra.gov.uk/)

Natural England  
Tel: 0845 600 3078 or by email at [enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk)  
Website: [www.naturalengland.org.uk](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk)

Bat Conservation Trust  
Tel: 0845 1300 228 or by email at [enquiries@bats.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@bats.org.uk)  
Website: [www.bats.org.uk](http://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](http://www.forestry.gov.uk)