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Dear Mr Marsh,

SECTION 211 NOTIFICATION OF WORK TO TREES WITHIN THE SONNING CONSERVATION AREA

APPLICATION NUMBER: 251655

LOCATION: UPPFIELD, CHARVIL LANE, SONNING, WOKINGHAM, RG4 6TH

With reference to your notification which was received and validated on the 14 July 2025. I am writing to advise you that Wokingham Borough Council raises **no objections** to the proposed tree works being undertaken as specified within the Sonning Conservation Area.

Proposed works:

T1, Handkerchief Tree

- Crown lift by removing 1 no. lowest branch in its entirety to give 2m clearance over ground level.

T2, Hazel

- Coppice at 30cm above ground level.

T3, Purple Hazel

- Coppice at 30cm above ground level.

T4, Lilac

- Coppice at 30cm above ground level.

T5, Holly

- Fell to ground level.(exempt)

T6, Elder

- Fell to ground level. (exempt)

T7, Horse Chestnut

- Fell to ground level.

G8, Mix of Dogwood and Field Maple

- Crown lift by removing all lower growth to provide 2.25m clearance from ground level on the eastern side.

T10, Hawthorn

- Coppice at 30cm above ground level. (exempt)

T11, Tulip Tree

-Crown lift by removing all lower growth to provide 2m clearance from ground level.

T12, Garrya

- Crown reduction by up to 1.5m.

T13, Hazel

- Crown lift by removing all lower growth to provide 3m clearance from ground level.

T14, Himalayan Birch

- Fell dead tree to ground level.

T15, Holm Oak

- Crown lift by removing all lower growth to provide 2m clearance over the Beech hedge.

H16, Beech

- Reduce height of hedge on southern boundary to around 2.5m. (exempt)

G17, Weeping Willow

- Reduce the spread of the tree that extends into the garden by up to 2m.

Officer's comments:

The Council considers that the tree work is appropriate and can be undertaken in accordance with arboricultural good 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.

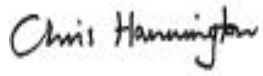
Please note that T5, T6, T10 and H16 have trunk diameters smaller than 75mm and a notification for works on these trees is not required.

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 would 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Hannington". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

Chris Hannington - Trees and Landscape Team Manager

cc. Applicant, Wilkinson, Uppfield, Charvil Lane, Sonning, RG4 6TH

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 meters or sell more than 2 cubic meters 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