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Dear Mrs Tuckwell,

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER: 896/1997

APPLICATION NUMBER: 252846

LOCATION: LAND BETWEEN HOLME CLOSE AND OAKLANDS LANE, CROWTHORNE, RG45 6JU

I am writing to you regarding your application to carry out works to protected tree(s), which was received on 19 November 2025 and validated on the 09 December 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 W4, W5 and W6 of TPO 896/1997:

013770 CR 3 sweet Chestnut trees to allow up to 2.4m clearance over the FP. Prune holly back to allow up to 2.0m clearance of the give way sign at The Brackens junction. Prune Chestnut tree away from SL 15 to give up to 2.0m clearance of the lamp. Remove DW in the tree behind The Brackens road name sign and 2 trees between the 2 green boxes.

016395 CR Hazel and Chestnut to 2.4m prune Chestnut away from SL 16 to give 2.0m clearance for lamp. 1 Chestnut over the HW remove DW

016394 Remove DW oak TWA exempt

016393 CR chestnut tree over HW to allow a minimum clearance of 2.4m CR 1 conifer and 5 oaks to allow up to 5.2m clearance. Prune tree away from 3 Road signs at the entrance to Oaklands Lane to allow up to 2.0m clearance. Remove DW from 5 oaks and 2 conifers. Fell 2 small dead stems.

016392 DW to be remove from 6 oak trees. Remove Ivy at the base of 3 oak tree stems opposite the driveway entrance to Wild Wood. Tree in decline. Tree with a lean towards the road and the tree behind it.

016390 Dead tree to the left of the large oak which has fresh pruning cuts. Opposite Dydraeth to be felled

016251 Remove DW within the whole canopy and sever ivy at the base of tree for a further inspection.

016388 1 Oak opposite Blenheim. Remove DW and CR to give up to 5.2m clearance over the highway.

016387 Remove DW from 2 oaks and 1 conifer. the DW overhangs the highway, but the 3 trees are set on the other side of the ditch.

016386 Remove DW and Ivy at the base of tree, so union can be inspected.

016384 Fell dead tree

016383 Fell dead tree

016381 DW removal

Officer comments:

The Council is satisfied that the proposed works are limited in scale, are arboriculturally justified, and are necessary to ensure compliance with statutory duties relating to public safety and the maintenance of the public highway. The pruning works are intended solely to achieve minimum legal clearances and will not materially affect the long-term health, structural integrity, or amenity value of the woodland as a whole.

The consent is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. The above works must be completed before **03 February 2028** 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 maintain the tree's aesthetic value, structural integrity, and physiological health, and to ensure that the works do not result in excessive leaf loss, large pruning wounds, or other detriments likely to impair the tree's long-term vitality or visual amenity.
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 may 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 signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end.

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