

MEMORANDUM

From:	Lindsey Abbott Tree & Landscape Officer		
Service	WBC Landscape and Trees	App No:	261551
Address:	St Bartholomews Church, Church Lane, Reading, RG2 9JA.		
Proposal:	Application to vary Conditions 2 and 9 of planning permission 230594 dated 17/06/2024 for Full application for the formalisation of existing parking area to provide 24 parking bays in association with St Bartholomew's Church. The variation seeks to amend the approved plans and arboricultural information following the removal of two Poplar trees by the electricity board, including replacement of Proposed Site Layout Rev E with Rev F, replacement Tree Protection Plans and replacement Arboricultural Method Statement.		
Type of Development:	Minor All other developments		
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

Subject to conditions, the Council's Tree and Landscape Officer has no objection to the application to vary Conditions 2 and 9 of planning permission 230594 dated 17/06/2024 for Full application for the formalisation of existing parking area to provide 24 parking bays in association with St Bartholomew's Church. The variation seeks to amend the approved plans and arboricultural information following the removal of two Poplar trees by the electricity board, including replacement of Proposed Site Layout Rev E with Rev F, replacement Tree Protection Plans and replacement Arboricultural Method Statement.

As per my predecessor's landscape comments from 30th May 2024 previously issued about approved application 230594, the Site "is in Countryside and subject to TPO 1883/2022, A1 on trees of all species alive on 14th July 2022 and W1 on trees of all species in perpetuity. contains TPO Number: 1883/2022 Tree Reference: A1 – whole area." More detailed information is required about the landscape

proposal for the car park including more detailed information about the proposed trees, via Condition CL4 Landscape.

Conditions & Reasons (if required)

CL4 LANDSCAPING DETAILS (small scale)

Landscaping

Prior to the commencement of the development there shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority a scheme of landscaping, which shall specify species, planting sizes, spacing and numbers of trees/shrubs to be planted, and any existing trees or shrubs to be retained.

Planting shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details in the first planting and seeding seasons following the occupation of the building(s).

Any trees or plants which, within a period of 5 years from the date of the planting (or within a period of 5 years of the occupation of the buildings in the case of retained trees and shrubs) die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of similar size and species or otherwise as approved in writing by the local planning authority.

CL6 - RETENTION OF EXISTING TREES/SHRUBS/HEDGES

Retention of trees and shrubs

No retained tree shall be cut down, uprooted or destroyed, nor shall any retained tree be topped or lopped other than in accordance with the approved plans and particulars, without the written approval of the local planning authority. If within a period of five years from the date of the planting of any tree that tree, or any tree planted in replacement for it, is removed, uprooted or destroyed or dies, another tree of the same species and size as that originally planted shall be planted at the same place, unless the local planning authority gives its written consent to any variation.

CL7 - PROTECTION OF EXISTING TREES etc (small sites)

Amended as detailed below.

- a. No development or other operations shall take place except in complete accordance with the details within the Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan by Merewood Arboricultural Consultancy Services and dated 26th May 2026 (hereinafter referred to as the Approved Scheme).
- b. No operations shall commence on site in connection with development hereby approved (including any tree felling, tree pruning, demolition works, soil moving, temporary access construction and or widening or any other operation involving use of motorised vehicles or construction machinery) until the tree protection works required by the Approved Scheme are in place on site.
- c. No excavations for services, storage of materials or machinery, parking of vehicles, deposit or excavation of soil or rubble, lighting of fires or disposal of liquids shall take place within an area designated as being fenced off or otherwise protected in the Approved Scheme.
- d. The fencing or other works which are part of the Approved Scheme shall not be moved or removed, temporarily or otherwise, until all works including external works have been completed and all equipment, machinery and

surplus materials removed from the site, unless the prior approval in writing of the local planning authority has first been sought and obtained.

Date:	16/07/2026	Signed:	L. Abbott
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