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Dear Mr. Marc Wastle,

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

APPLICATION NUMBER: 261002

LOCATION: 11 WALTHAM ROAD, TWYFORD, WOKINGHAM, RG10 9EB

With reference to your notification which was received and validated on the 24 April 2026, I am writing to advise you that Wokingham Borough Council raises **no objections** to the proposed tree works being undertaken as specified within the Twyford Conservation Area.

Proposed works:

T1 Laburnum:

- Removal to ground level

T2 Cherry:

- Crown reduction by up to 2m to suitable growth points

T3 Sycamore

- Removal of T3 to fence line

T4 Holly:

- Crown reduction by approximately 1.5m

Reasons stated for works:

T1 Laburnum: in decline

T2 Cherry: tree has historic stem failure. Crown reduction is to alleviate strain on stem with partial failure.

T3 Sycamore: no reason stated in application. During Site visit, gardener explained tree was self-seeded, over grown and coming through boundary treatment.

T4 Holly: no reason stated in application. During Site visit, gardener explained tree was over grown and coming through boundary treatment.

Officer comments:

The Council's Tree and Landscape Officer visited the Site on Monday 6 July 2026 and viewed the four trees from inside the Site accompanied by the owner-applicant's gardener, who pointed out the trees within this application and explain further the trees' conditions.

The Officer observed that T1 Laburnum is dead, with a cracked stem, peeling bark, and no leaves in its crown. The stem and lower lateral branches were surrounded by ivy.

The Officer observed T2 Cherry with a bifurcated stem. T2 appeared in semi-good health despite a major tear wound (approximately 300cm) along one of its two stems, which was the result of the removal of a lateral limb from natural causes. The crown is mostly covered in leaves with only a few small dead branches. The gardener suggested that the owner wished to reduce the tree's crown to see if it could be reinvigorated and possibly saved from decline.

The Officer observed T3 Sycamore as a self-seeded vigorously growing tree, which may have been pruned historically and contains water sprouts at its base. The tree appears in good health but is a poor specimen. Its stem is covered in ivy. The exact location and ownership of T3 is difficult to ascertain; it appears to be located along the boundary line between fences within both the Site and its neighbouring property at 15 Waltham Road. A large portion of its trunk has come through the fenceline into the Site. The gardener suggested that the owner had permission from the neighbours to remove this tree. See further comments below.

The Officer observed T4 Holly, which present a similar scenario to T3 Sycamore in terms of its location. The base and stem are located on the boundary line adjacent to/within a masonry brick boundary wall between the Site and its neighbour, but perhaps more so within the Site. The tree appears in good health. Its stem is covered in ivy.

Although T3 and T4 appears to be in good health, the Officer notes the poor location for both T3 and T4, so close to the boundary fence and wall with little space to grow and overhanging the neighbours' gardens. The proposed work to fell T3 and T4 are acceptable and will allow more light into the neighbours' small rear gardens.

The work planned for T1, T2, T3, and T4 will neither be detrimental to the health or safety of the trees nor will it adversely affect the visual amenity of the Conservation Area. T1, T2, T3, and T4 do not meet the criteria for inclusion in a Tree Preservation Order at this time. The Wokingham Borough Council therefore raises no objections to the proposed works. Whilst felling T3 and T4 are for the common good of Site users and neighbours, you are advised that this letter is in respect of trees within the Site and Conservation Area only. It does not imply that consent would be forthcoming from the owner of the neighbouring tree (T3 Scyamorea) or any such other persons from whom consent may be required. Consent about works to trees on boundary lines is a private matter to be discussed between neighbours.

The applicant should note:

The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 protects wild birds, their eggs and nests. Trees with hollow crevices, for example, provide important natural roost sites for many bat species covered

by the 1981 Act. Anyone proposing to carry out work on a tree which may be used as a roost site for bats or by other protected species should first consult Natural England Berkshire, Office Block A, Government Buildings, Coley Avenue, Coley Park, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 6DT. Tel: 0118 958 1222, fax: 0118 939 2183 or <http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/>.

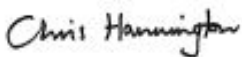
Works to trees during the nesting season (generally March – August) may result in disturbance to nesting birds. All birds' nests that are either in use or being built, eggs and chicks are protected by the 1981 Act. Nevertheless, works can take place to trees and hedgerows during bird nesting season after a thorough inspection has taken place on the site by a qualified specialist, e.g., tree surgeon or ecologist before any works commencing to ensure nesting birds or other wildlife are not disturbed. However, it is strongly recommended to undertake vegetation or tree works outside this period to prevent the risk of disturbing nesting birds or other wildlife.

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 may 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,



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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