

Planning Application Number 250986

Submitted by: Roger & Sally-Ann Black

Dear Sirs

Further to our comment (copied below for your convenience) in support of the above application which we have posted on the website, we refer therein to photographs of the most recent dead branch fallen from the subject tree.

Since, as far as we can see, the website does not facilitate the addition of photographs, we have attached them to this email. We would be grateful if they could be considered along with our comments.

For information, please note that we have multiple larger vehicles that use the entrance to our drive our drive including our 3m high motorhome, as well as delivery vehicles which we encourage to park on our drive rather than outside on Nine Mile Ride for highway safety reasons, so logically the same clearances mandated for above the highway would apply to the entrances to our drives at 240a & 240b, both of which this tree overhangs. As these entrances also serve as the only pedestrian entrances to our properties, clearly the same risks of falling debris (deadwood) exist there as on the footway.

Thank you in anticipation of your assistance with this.

Regards

Roger & Sally-Ann Black





“COMMENTS:

Re: Planning Application Number 250986

Site: 240A Nine Mile Ride Finchampstead Wokingham RG40 3QD

Description: APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO PROTECTED TREE(S) TPO 1879/2022, T1 T1, Oak - Crown lift to 5.2m over highway and 2.3m over footpath; remove deadwood.

For the avoidance of doubt, we are not objecting but rather supporting this application, however with the following comments.

Further to the recent inspection of the tree carried out by or on behalf of WBC, it states on the application that the tree “is diseased or you have fears that it might break or fall” and the following works have been proposed:

"5.2m crown lift over highway & statutory 2.3m crown lift over footpath - contractors will also be carrying out a deadwood of the canopy (TPO exemption).

The works are to ensure that there is obstruction (sic - assume 'no obstruction' is meant!) to highway network, and to mitigate the risk of falling debris (deadwood) on the adopted HW network."

Can you please confirm that these works will be carried out over the whole tree, including the parts which overhang the entrances to our property and that of our neighbour at 240b, since obviously the same risks apply?

We have had several dead branches fall from this tree onto our property, including one only recently right across our entrance, which we have emailed photographs of to planning.enquiries@wokingham.gov.uk .

Clearly, from an aesthetic viewpoint, failing to give the same balanced treatment to the whole tree would be inappropriate as well as potentially reckless by ignoring previously identified risks."