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Dear Mr. Hannington,

APPLICATION TO PRUNE A PROTECTED TREE ON LAND ADJACENT TO 12 LENEY CLOSE, WOKINGHAM RG40 1YL.

I am writing to you with information in support of my application to carry out minor pruning works to a Field Maple growing on land adjacent to 12 Leney Close. The tree is protected as T1 of Tree Preservation Order no. 1915/2022.

This application is submitted on behalf of residents of the neighbouring property 12 Leney Close who instructed me to assess the tree from their garden as they had concerns that the tree had shed a number of branches overhanging their property and that the tree is overbearing as it relates to the small gardens of the neighbouring residential property.

This is a small tree with a dense, oval and low canopy. The tree has dense foliage and is in good physiological health. I have proposed a light, selective branch reduction to reduce a number of specific elongated branches growing over the open space and the neighbouring residential properties.

The proposed work is minor pruning works to reduce the risk of branch failure in the future. The amenity and long-term health of the tree will not be affected in any way.

The tree is on privately owned but accessible open space and can be seen without an appointment. If you would like access to view the tree from the garden of neighbouring property 12 Leney Close please contact Nick Turton via email: southerncountyroofing@gmail.com and he would be happy to show you the tree.

Mr. Turton is aware that any works to prune beyond the property boundary will be subject to the consent of the tree owner.

I trust this information is of use to you. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this notice.

Kind regards,

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TREE PRESERVATION ORDER PLAN

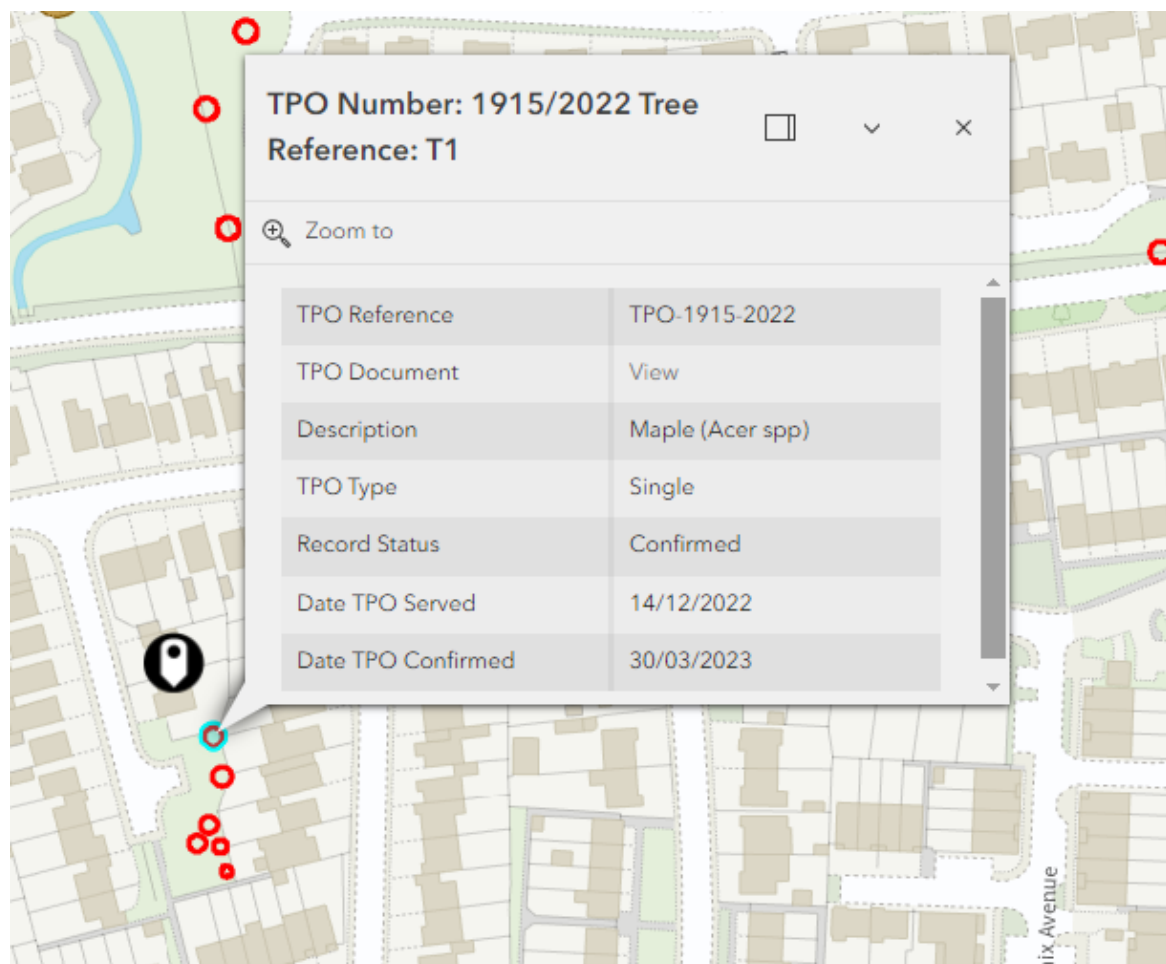


Figure 1 – Wokingham Borough Council Tree Preservation Order Map

SURVEY DATA

Ref.	Species	Measurements	Survey Notes	Works
T001	Field Maple (<i>Acer Campestre</i>)	Height (m): 12 Stem Diam(mm): 610 Crown Clearance (m): 1.5 Life Stage: Mature Rem. Contrib.: 40+ years	Ivy clad mature tree. Single stem. Deadwood in central canopy over low-occupancy area. Low canopy to 1.5m over neighbouring garden. Large, elongated low branch on west side of canopy from 2m above ground level. Nesting pigeon in tree. Foliage dense and even. Good vitality.	1) Reduce tips of low, elongated branch on west side of crown by 1-2m (see photo 2). 2) Crown lift to 3m over public open space and 4m over adjacent residential gardens by reducing / removing secondary and tertiary branches only (see photo 3). 3) Reduce tips of large branch on northern side of canopy with a forked branch 7m above ground level by approximately 1-1.5m (see photos 5 & 6). 4) Reduce tips of branches on low lateral branch on east side of canopy over 51 and 53 Benning Way by approximately 1-1.5m (see photos 4 & 5).

Reason: Works are to shorten three specific elongated main branches. This will reduce their exposure of the branches in high winds and associated risk of branch failure. The works will also create reasonable clearance of the crown over the small gardens of the neighbouring residential gardens.

This is a minor work to selective individual branches. Cuts will be graded into the surrounding canopy to leave a natural looking canopy shape. Pruning cuts will be small (under 60mm and the health and amenity of the tree will not be impaired).

SITE PLAN

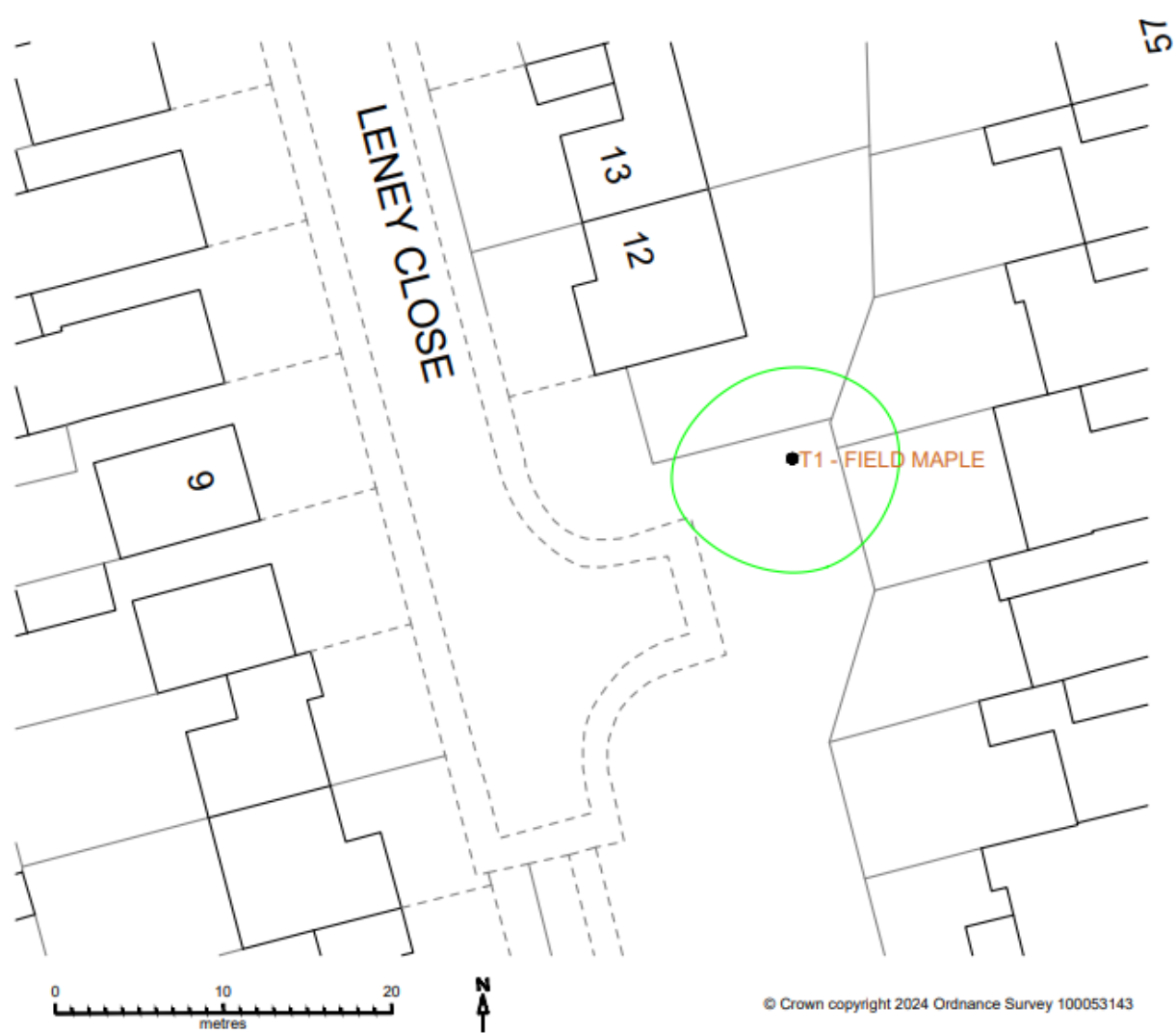




Photo 1 – T1 – Field Maple. Ivy-clad lower trunk.



Photo 2 – Indicative line pf proposed reduction on west side of tree canopy



Photo 3 – Indicative line of proposed canopy lift.



Photo 4 – Indicative line pf proposed reduction on east side of tree canopy

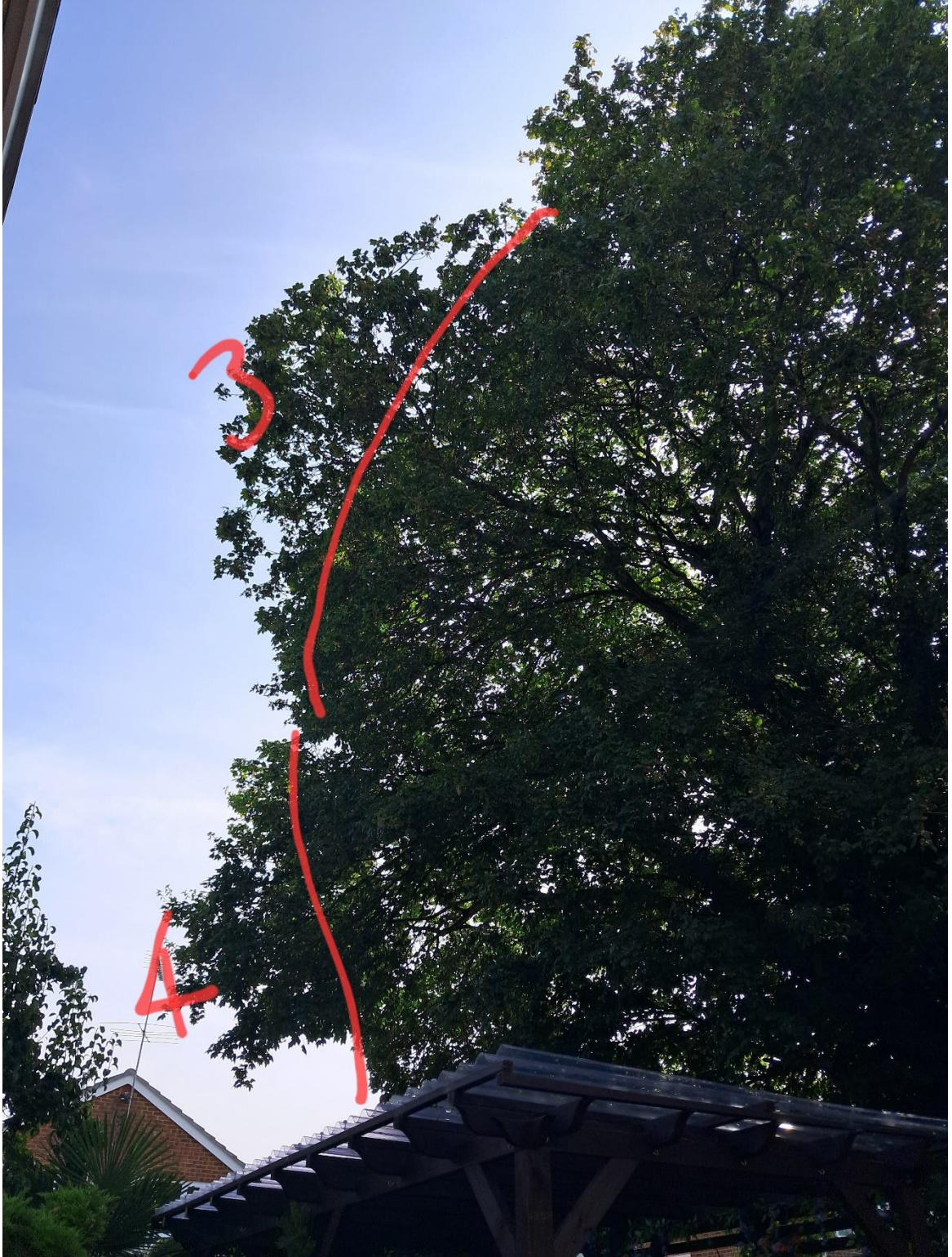


Photo 5 – Indicative line of proposed reduction on north and east side of tree canopy



Photo 6 – Indicative line of proposed reduction on north side of tree canopy
(duplicate of line 3 shown in photo 5 but viewed from a different angle)