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Dear Ms Duckworth

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER: 1852/2022, 1860/2022 and 41/1971
APPLICATION NUMBER: 242174
LOCATION: EAST PARK FARM, PARK LANE, CHARVIL, WOKINGHAM

I am writing to you regarding your application to carry out works to protected tree(s), which was received on 25 August 2024 and validated on 27 August 2023.

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 Tree Works to Group 3 of TPO 1852/2022:

G001, Mixed Species - Coppice two willow stems arching over open space; crown lift low branches over open space to create 3.5m clearance for pedestrians; cut back overhang on north side to create 2m canopy clearance to the adjacent residential property.

Approved Tree Works to Group 2 of TPO 1852/2022:

G002, Mixed Species - Crown lift low branches over open space to create 3.5m clearance for pedestrians; cut overhanging branches back to boundary in area of group directly opposite 9 Symonds Field.

T021, Field Maple - Fell to ground level.

Approved Tree Works to Group 1 of TPO 1852/2022:

G003, Mixed Species - Crown lift low branches over open space to create 3.5m clearance for pedestrians.

Approved Tree Works to T2 of TPO 1860/2022:

T001, European Lime - Fell to ground level.

Approved Tree Works to T1 of TPO 1860/2022:

T002, European Lime - Remove epicormic shoots.

Approved Tree Works to Group 1 of TPO 41/1971:

T003, European Lime - Remove epicormic shoots.

T004, European Lime - Remove epicormic shoots; remove wire fence around base.

T005, European Lime - Remove epicormic shoots to Public: Information that can be seen and used by everyone inside and outside the Council. 2m above ground level, sever ivy and inspect base.

T006, European Lime - Remove epicormic shoots to 2m above ground level, sever ivy and inspect base.

T007, European Lime - Sever ivy and remove epicormic shoots.

T008, European Lime - Sever ivy and remove epicormic shoots; remove bat boxes and ties and re-support with hooks instead which will not girdle trunk.

T009, European Lime - Sever ivy and remove epicormic shoots.

T010, European Lime - Remove deadwood.

T012, European Lime - Remove epicormic shoots; remove bat boxes and ties and re-support with hooks instead which will not girdle trunk.

T013, European Lime - Remove epicormic shoots.

T016, European Lime - Sever ivy and remove epicormic shoots.

T017, European Lime - Remove broken branches hung up in canopy; remove epicormic growth.

T018, European Lime - Sever ivy and remove epicormic shoots.

T019, European Lime - Remove epicormic shoots as low as possible and reinspect base.

The consent is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. The above works must be completed before **21 October 2026** 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'. Through the reduction of secondary and tertiary growth only. Ensuring all branches are taken back to the nearest suitable growth point. Pruning cuts shall not exceed 60mm.
3. Climbing spikes shall not be used whilst undertaking any form of works on living trees.
4. Replacement planting:
 - The owner has a duty under Section 201(b) of the Town & Country Planning Act to replant another tree of an appropriate size and species in the same place as soon as they reasonable can. This replacement tree(s) will be covered by the existing Tree

Preservation Order. The new tree would be subject to the same requirements for a tree works application if you intend to carry out works upon it in the future.

- Following the felling of the 1 no. tree (T2 of TPO 1860/2022, lime) as authorised by this consent, a minimum of 1 no. lime (*Tilia x europaea*) of “half standard” or “standard” size (1.8 – 3.0 metres tall) at time of planting, is to be planted as close as practicable to the tree removed.
- Planting should be carried out in accordance with clause 10 (Planting) of BS 8545:2014 ‘Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape – Recommendations’.
- Should the replacement tree be removed, die, or become severely damaged or seriously diseased, it shall be replaced by a tree of a similar size and species to that originally planted. Modifications to the requirements of this condition must be agreed in writing with Wokingham Borough Council Tree and Landscape Team.
- Please let the Council know when the replanting has been carried out so that the Tree Officer may come and inspect the tree(s).
- PLEASE NOTE: The requirement to replant is the responsibility of the tree owner even if the application was submitted by another person.

Reasons for conditions 1-4.....

1. To ensure that our records remain accurate.
2. To ensure the health, safety and visual amenity of the tree(s) and ensure works are undertaken in accordance with recognised arboricultural good practice.
3. Climbing spikes can cause damage to trees.
4. To retain the present visual amenity value of the area and ensure continuity of tree coverage within the Wokingham Borough.

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 would 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 script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Chris" and last name "Hannington" clearly distinguishable.

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