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Dear Mr. Hough,

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

APPLICATION NUMBER: 242525

**LOCATION: MANOR CLOSE, CHARVIL LANE, SONNING, WOKINGHAM BERKS, RG4
6TH**

With reference to your notification which was received and validated on the 3rd October 2024, I am writing to advise you that Wokingham Borough Council raises **no objections** to the proposed tree works being undertaken as specified within the Sonning Conservation Area.

Proposed works:

T1, Lime

- Fell to ground level

Reasons stated for works:

For safety reasons we are planning to improve the vehicular entrance & sight lines to our property & we would like to remove the existing lime tree to facilitate this.

The tree is not a good specimen & does not contribute to the frontage & is damaging the front entrance wall onto Charvil Lane & any future wall.

We would be happy to plant an additional tree in the frontage in a more suitable position.

Officer comments:

The Lime tree is growing in a prominent location adjacent to the public highway. The canopy of the tree forks and the southwestern stem has been heavily reduced and lacks vitality. There are areas of bark necrosis on branches as well as deadwood in the upper crown. Dense ivy present may obscure further defects on the lower trunk. In view of this assessment, T1 (Lime) does not meet the criteria for inclusion in a Tree Preservation Order at this time and the Borough Council raises no objections to the proposed works.

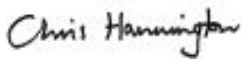
To ensure sustainable tree canopy cover in the area, the property owner is encouraged to plant a replacement tree in a suitable location elsewhere on the property.

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 would 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Hannington". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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