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Dear Mr. Chalk,

**SECTION 211 NOTIFICATION OF WORK TO TREES WITHIN THE SONNING
CONSERVATION AREA
APPLICATION NUMBER: 260052
LOCATION: MANOR BARN, CHARVIL LANE, SONNING, WOKINGHAM RG4 6TH**

With reference to your notification which was received and validated on the 8 January 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 Sonning Conservation Area.

Proposed works:

T1, Monterey Cypress – Crown reduction by 2.5m in height and approx. 1.5m in lateral spread.

Reasons stated for works:

None given.

Officer comments:

The Council's Tree and Landscape Officer visited the Site on Tuesday 3 February 2026 and was given access to the location of the Cypress (T1) by the householder's gardener. The Cypress—possibly a Monterey cypress (*Hesperocyparis macrocarpa*)—is located in the northwest corner of the rear garden. T1 is confined between a garden shed/shade structure with various garden equipment and impediments covering its RPA and a timber and stone wall which forms a boundary with neighbouring property, The Roundhouse, Charvil Lane, Sonning, Wokingham, RG4 6TH.

The tree is in good health and condition and currently has a low sweeping crown. A gentle lifting of the crown to give clearance to the Site's shed and rear garden, boundary fence, and neighbouring garden will reduce any nuisance the branches may be causing. In the process of lifting there will be more low light available to the garden. Clearance of up to 1.5 metres on the overlateral growth is acceptable as is reduction of the tree's height by 2.5 metres.

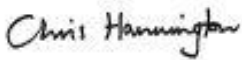
The work planned for T1 will neither be detrimental to the health or safety of the tree nor will it adversely affect the visual amenity of the Conservation Area. T1 do not meet the criteria for inclusion in a Tree Preservation Order at this time. The Wokingham Borough Council therefore raises no objections to the proposed works.

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,



Chris Hannington - Trees and Landscape Team Manager

cc. Applicant: Mr. Peter Green, Manor Barn, Charvil Lane, Sonning, Wokingham, RG4 6TH

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