

PLANNING REF : 252434
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Lands End House
: 1a Beggars Hill Rd, Twyford, Berkshire
: RG10 0UD
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Steven Gales
DATE SUBMITTED : 07/11/2025

COMMENTS:

I formally object to the proposed felling of trees in the wooded area adjacent to my property Lands End House, bordering Beggars Hill Road. This mature woodland performs several critical functions that would be irreversibly compromised by its removal:

Visual and Physical Amenity

The woodland forms an essential natural screen between the large residential properties on Beggars Hill Road and the neighbouring housing estate. It also serves as the principal backdrop to the main garden of Lands End House, contributing significantly to the character and enjoyment of this historic building and its grounds.

Biodiversity and Wildlife Corridor

The area functions as an established thoroughfare and habitat for numerous native species, including regular sightings of deer families, beavers, foxes, and a variety of protected birds and small mammals. Removal of the trees would fragment this important wildlife corridor and disrupt local ecological networks.

Tree Health and Safety

The majority of the trees are in good condition with strong structure and vigour. Any individual specimens requiring minor management works present no identifiable risk to nearby buildings or infrastructure, and such works could be undertaken without recourse to wholesale felling.

Flood Risk and Site Suitability

The location is known to experience heavy surface-water flooding during periods of intense rainfall. The existing tree cover and associated root systems play a vital role in water absorption and soil stabilisation. The site is manifestly unsuitable for any alternative use or development, and its retention as woodland represents the most appropriate long-term land management strategy.

For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully request that the application to fell these trees be refused in its entirety, or at the very least that a full Tree Preservation Order be placed on the woodland to secure its protection in perpetuity.