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WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Dear Ms Duckworth,

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER: 927/1998

APPLICATION NUMBER: 242248

LOCATION: 10 PALMER CLOSE, CROWTHORNE, WOKINGHAM, RG40 3EB

I am writing to you regarding your valid application to carry out works to protected tree(s), which was received and validated on the 03 September 2024.

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 Order (TPO):

Approved Tree Works to Single 33 of TPO 927/1998:

T1, Oak:

- Remove secondary branch approx. 4m long (as circled in Photo 6) and reduce tips of surrounding secondary branch tips 2-3m (as per Photo 6).
- Selectively reduce outer branch tips in northwest quadrant 1-1.5m back to suitable reduction points.
- Crown lift to create 4m canopy clearance above ground level removing small shoots over garden of 10 Palmer Close back to the trunk.
- Cuts will be graded into the surrounding canopy to leave a sympathetic, natural looking canopy shape. Cuts will not exceed 80mm diameter. The health and amenity of the tree will not be impaired in any way

Reasons stated for works:

- To reduce weight & exposure of elongated branch due to defect present lower down this stem.
- The proposed works are minor pruning works to address concerns regarding the form of a large branch over the garden of Queens Ride and to create reasonable clearance to the property. The asymmetrical canopy covers the entire garden of 9 Queens Ride which is oppressive. The proposed minor pruning works will go some way to improving this relationship

An Arboricultural Report – Tree Condition Survey by Duckworth's Arboriculture Limited, dated: September 2024, reference: 06498/2024, was submitted with the application for works.

The consent is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. The above works must be completed before **10 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'. Ensuring all branches are reduced back to the nearest suitable growth point.
3. Climbing spikes shall not be used whilst undertaking any form of works on living trees, except on trees to be felled.

Reasons for conditions 1-3.....

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. Spikes can cause extensive long-term damage to trees

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,



Chris Hannington
Trees and Landscape Team Manager

cc. Applicant: Mr Jake Baldwin, 9 Queens Ride, Crowthorne, Berkshire, RG45 6LG

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