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Dear Mr Hart

TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS 776/1996

APPLICATION NUMBER: 250584

SITE ADDRESS: STANBURY PARK, SOUTH LODGE, WELLINGTON COURT, SPENCERS WOOD, WOKINGHAM, RG7 1BN

I am writing to you regarding your application to carry out works to protected tree(s), which was received and validated on the 12 March 2025.

I am writing to advise you that Wokingham Borough Council **consents with conditions** to the following work being carried out to the trees included in the above-mentioned Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs):

Proposed work to G1 of TPO 776/1996

T2, Wellingtonia (part of G1):

- Installation of a root barrier 2m in length and 3m in depth (to extend an existing root barrier at South Lodge) with associated groundworks and fibrous root pruning.

Reasons stated for works:

The reasons for the application are as follows: a. Trees have been positively implicated in subsidence damage. b. The proposal seeks to install a root barrier which will remove small fibrous roots to facilitate installation and retain the tree. c. This is an extension to a previously installed barrier. d. Note: Submitted reports may detail tree removal but this is not proposed

The consent is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. The above works must be completed before **07 May 2027** and in the event of the works not being completed by that date, further consent will be required.
2. The Root Protection Area (RPA) of the trees should be fenced off or protected using ground protection until completion of the root barrier installation, or until such time as

they serve limited use for the intended protection. There should be no excavation or grading of soil within the RPA other than that for the root barrier trench. If available, an air spade can help gently excavate around roots without causing damage. Work must be carried out in accordance with the submitted method statement, tree protection plan and in line with BS5837:2012, Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction: Section 7.2. The work must be supervised at all times by a qualified arboricultural consultant who should have appropriate experience in working around TPO trees and be able to ensure that the work complies with all relevant standards for tree protection. Any root pruning must be done carefully and in accordance with accepted arboricultural practices and cuts must be made cleanly to minimize the potential for infection or long-term damage to the tree. Avoid cutting large, structural roots, as this can compromise the tree's stability.

Reasons for conditions 1-2.....

1. To ensure that our records remain accurate.
2. To ensure the health, safety and visual amenity of the tree(s).

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: William Hunt Consulting, 1 Wheler Road, Coventry, CV3 4LB

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