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Dear Andrew Jones,

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER: 945/1999
APPLICATION NUMBER: 252882
LOCATION: LAND AT WAINWRIGHT CLOSE, WOKINGHAM

I am writing to you regarding your application to carry out works to protected tree(s), which was received and validated on the 24 November 2025.

I can confirm Wokingham Borough Council refuses consent, to the following work being carried out to tree(s) included in the above-mentioned Tree Preservation Orders (TPO):

Proposed Tree Works to Single 1 of TPO 945/1999:

T1, Willow – Crown lift tips to 5.2m over path.

Reasons stated for works:

To avoid obstruction to vehicles and people and reduce weight loading on lapsed pollard heads.

Reasons stated for refusal:

When looking to undertake works to a protected tree it is the responsibility of the applicant to supply adequate proof with the TPO application in the form of 'written arboricultural advice and other diagnostic information from an appropriate expert.' To date, no detailed arboricultural information has been submitted to demonstrate that the work is in the interests of health and safety or based on any arboricultural need.

While crown lifting to 5.2m over the road carriageway is necessary to prevent obstruction, part of the tree crown overhangs a section of pavement and crown lifting at this section to 5.2m would remove some larger diameter branches and is deemed excessive. In addition, crown lifting is not an effective measure to reduce weight loading of regrowth from lapsed pollard heads. If there are concerns over the trees' structural integrity, the Council would welcome a further Tree Work Application supported by appropriate levels of arboricultural evidence to justify additional tree works.

Due to the reasons stated above the proposed crown lifting stated above has been refused.

I can confirm that Wokingham Borough Council **consents, with conditions**, to the following work being carried out to the tree(s) included in the aforementioned Tree Preservation Order (TPO):

Approved Tree Work to Single 1 of TPO 945/1999:

T1, Willow

- Crown lift tips to 5.2m over road
- Crown lift tips to 2.4m over path/pavement
- Reduce regrowth on previous reduction points circled in orange in photo attached below, by a maximum of 1.5m
- Crown clean removing any dead, diseased, or dysfunctional branches back to suitable reduction points

The consent is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. The above works must be completed before 15 January 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’.
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).
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 may 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

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