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22nd February 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

#### Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012

**DESCRIPTION:** CONS AREA - Application to fell trees

LOCATION: 53 Church Street Crowthorne Berkshire RG45 7PD

CASE OFFICER: Phil Gritten, direct line 01344 351984

I refer to your application dated 28.11.2023 under the above Tree Preservation Order for consent to carry-out works to the above referenced trees. Having considered your application, the Council has decided to grant permission for the following work being carried-out to the tree(s) included in the above mentioned order, listed in the enclosed Planning Permission.

Please find enclosed your Decision notice in respect of the above proposal, your attention is drawn to any conditions which require compliance prior to the commencement of any works or have a specified time limit specified thereon.

Should you wish to discuss the contents of the notice, including any matters arising under the conditions included therein, please contact me

Yours faithfully

Phil Gritten

Assistant Tree Officer Planning Transport and Countryside email phil.gritten@bracknell-forest.gov.uk Direct Line 01344 351984

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Town and Country Planning Act (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012

# APPROVAL OF WORKS TO TREES WITH A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

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**APPLICANT:** Mr Thomas Addis

**DESCRIPTION:** CONS AREA - Application to fell trees

LOCATION: 53 Church Street Crowthorne Berkshire RG45 7PD

APPLICATION NO: 23/00267/TRCA

**DECISION DATE:** 22nd February 2024

The Bracknell Forest Council as the Local Planning Authority hereby give notice that, in pursuance of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) REGS 2012, **PERMISSION** has been **GRANTED** for the carrying out of the works referred to above in accordance with the application subject to compliance with the following conditions:-

#### 01. Tree Service consideration

Further to the invalidation of this notification of intent, the notifier has provided images of the subject vegetation within an email, received on the 29/11.2023, clarifying the species as Cherry laurel 'Prunus laurocerasus' and 2 suppressed Holly 'llex aquifolium'. The images confirms the quality and species of the vegetation to be removed.

The notifier is advised, under section 211 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, that the respective landowner is at liberty to manage, or instruct the management of, the specified vegetation only and without further need to consult this Planning Authority, as the subject specimens would not qualify for preservation by the making of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO).

Max Baker Head of Planning

### Informative(s)

01. The notifier's plan, submitted in support of this matter, implies the removal of all vegetation along the respective landowner's North property boundary. The supporting images shows the presence of an adjacent Oak, or branches of, and for clarity, please note the decision of 'no objection' facilitates the removal of the Laurel and Holly only.

## Conditions of this Permission (OBLIGATORY)

Where consent for work is granted, permission to enact consent is valid for 12 months from the date of the decision notice. Failure to complete works within the permissible time frame will require a new application.

- You are required to give the Tree Service a minimum of 3 working days advance notice of any date you have arranged to undertake the permitted works. This can be done by telephone on 01344 354441 or email <u>trees@bracknell-forest.gov.uk</u> and will assist us in dealing with enquires from any concerned members of the public alerted to your tree work activity.
- The recipient of this grant of permission is required to provide a copy to the contractor carrying-out the work, prior to commencement.
  Reason: To ensure only works, as permitted, are undertaken. Any works exceeding the permitted works will be subject to investigation by the Planning Authority.
- In the case of permitted pruning, you are required to undertake all pruning in accordance with the current British Standard 3998 "Recommendations for Tree-work', unless otherwise stated.
- The Wildlife & Countryside Act specifically protects birds in the breeding/nesting season which is 1st March to 31st August inclusive. You and your tree surgeon are required to check the trees for any nesting birds before this permitted work is undertaken. The Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 specifically protects birds in the breeding/nesting season. Should any be found, the work must be delayed or managed in such a way so as not to disturb and/or damage their nests in contravention of 'the Act'.
- This notice does not give authority to destroy or damage a bat roost or disturb a bat. You and your tree surgeon are required to check the trees for any bat roosts.

All British bat species are fully protected by the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and by the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 ('Habitat Regulations'). In summary, the legislation combined makes it an offence to:

- Damage or destroy a breeding site or resting place or intentionally or recklessly obstruct access to a structure or place used for shelter by a bat;
- Deliberately, intentionally or recklessly disturb bats; in particular any disturbance which is likely to impair the ability of bats to survive, breed or reproduce or nurture their young; or in the case of hibernating or migrating bats, to hibernate or migrate; or to affect significantly the local distribution or abundance of the species;
- Deliberately kill, injure or take any bat.

If you are aware that bats roost in the tree(s) for which work is planned, you should take further advice from Natural England (via the Bat Conservation Trust on 0845 1300 228) or an ecological consultant before you start. If bats are discovered during the work, you must stop immediately and contact Natural England (0845 600 3078) for advice before continuing.

### Informatives (ADVISORY)

- For your convenience, the Council recommends you visit the website <u>www.trees.org.uk</u> for their list of Approved Contractors (tree-surgeons)
- A directory of qualified ecologists is held by the Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (IEEM) which is accessible at <u>www.ieem.net/ieemdirectory.asp</u>.
- 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 who consent would be required.

This is a **PLANNING** permission. However, before you start any permitted works it is your responsibility to check that there are no covenants or other restriction that apply to your property. If in doubt consult your solicitor or other representative.

#### Appeals to the Secretary of State

If you disagree with this decision, you are entitled to appeal to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions. If you want to appeal, you must do so within 28 days of this decision notice by contacting; - The Environment Team, The Planning Inspectorate, Room 3/13, Kite, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN (Tel 01173728192) who will provide you with a form. Alternatively you can visit <u>www.planning-</u> inspectorate.gov.uk/pins/appeals/tree preservation/index.htm