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Dear Mr Wilson

**TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 21/1970
STANBURY GATE, BASINGSTOKE ROAD, SPENCERS WOOD, BERKS, RG7 1SR**

With reference to your application received on 21st April 2015, and my site visit on 28th April 2015, I am writing to advise you that Wokingham Borough Council **consents** to the following work being carried out to the tree included in the above-mentioned Tree Preservation Order (TPO):

Proposed work to Area 2 of TPO 21/1970:

Wellingtonia (T1 of attached plan)

- Fell to ground level and replace.

Reasons for work:

Health and safety issue: Decayed lateral roots, cambium die-back and decay within the main stem.

The tree was inspected by Kelly Noviss, from ground-level only, on the 28th April 2015.

The consent is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. The above works must be completed before 31st May 2017 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. A minimum of one replacement tree must be planted on the south-western aspect of Stanbury Gate within the property boundary. The replacement tree must be of the following species:
 - Wellingtonia
 - Of “half standard” or “standard” size (1.8 – 3 metres tall) at time of planting.
 - Planted in the planting season, November 2015 to March 2016 Container-grown trees can be planted outside this time, but do not plant in periods of drought. For both types, avoid frosty soil.

Please let the Council know when the replanting has been carried out so that the Tree Officer may come and inspect the tree.

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. To ensure that tree cover in the area is maintained.

If you are aggrieved by this decision or by the conditions imposed, you may appeal to The Planning Inspectorate (PINS), The Environment Team, Room 4/04, Kite Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN by notice in writing 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 Kelly Noviss, Tree and Landscape Officer on the above telephone number.

Yours sincerely,



Clare Lawrence

Head of Development Management

cc:

Applicant: Mr J Pauley, Atlantis Property, 23/24 Market Place, Reading, Berks, RG1 2DE
Cllr Simon Weeks
Cllr Angus Ross
Cllr Charlotte Haitham-Taylor
Cllr Barrie Patman
Cllr Anthony Pollock
Shinfield Parish Council
Decision letter file

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