

H/26/102030 – WOODPECKERS, BLIND LANE, HORTON HEATH

17/09/2026

Dear Charlie,

The site is very verdant and typical of its rural location. It is surrounded by tree and shrub boundaries and there is a significant oak to the front, adjacent to the entrance. Whilst none of the trees are subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) we have a legal duty to consider all trees within the context of the existing site.

We consider that the proposal is feasible with retention of all of the trees and shrubs. However, there is a risk with uncontrolled construction access and activities, and so we will require an Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan to be submitted. These documents will demonstrate how the trees and shrubs are to be protected and successfully retained whilst allowing the proposed development.

Therefore, we raise no arboricultural objection to the proposal, subject to the following condition:

No excavation, demolition or development related works shall take place on site until an arboricultural method statement, including a tree protection plan, as per British Standard 5837:2012 (Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction – Recommendations), are submitted and approved by the Local Planning Authority (LPA). The approved arboricultural documents must be adhered to in full, and may only be modified subject to written agreement from the LPA. Reason: to retain and protect the existing trees which form an important part of the amenity of the locality.

Kind regards,

Chris.