

**BY EMAIL**

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Our ref: 2024/775/TCA

Your ref:

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Dear Mr Marks

**Application No: 2024/775/TCA**  
**Bletchingley Conservation Area**  
**Church Of St Mary, The Virgin, Church Walk, Bletchingley, Surrey, RH1 4PD**

I refer to your recent Notification of Tree Works to carry out the following work to trees in a Conservation Area:

**X) - Birch tree - Fell and remove.**

This Council would not object to the above works proceeding on the understanding that you are either the owner or have the consent of the owner of the trees.

Please ensure that whoever is contracted to carry out the above works possesses a copy of this letter when work commences. They must be fully aware of the details of the consent and must not exceed the specification stated above. All work should be carried out in accordance with the current British Standard, BS 3998:2010.

**Informatives:**

- (i) *The consent hereby provided is valid for a period of 2 years from the date of this decision notice.*
- (ii) *The Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 makes it an offence to damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird whilst that nest is in use or being built. It is also an offence to take or destroy the egg of any wild bird. It is recommended that this tree be inspected for nesting birds prior to the commencement of works. If nests are found then it is recommended that the advice of either Natural England or a suitably qualified ecologist is sought before any works are undertaken. Natural*

England may be contacted by phone on (0845) 6003078 or via e-mail at [enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk).

- (iii) *Bats are currently protected by the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, the Countryside Rights of Way Act 2000 and The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010. In brief this makes it an offence to both intentionally or recklessly damage, destroy or obstruct access to any place that a bat uses for shelter or protection and to intentionally or recklessly disturb a bat while it is occupying a structure or place that it uses for shelter or protection. Trees that may have roost potential should be inspected before any works commence and if the presence of bats is suspected then advice should be sought from the Natural England Bat Line on 0845 1300228.*

If you have any queries, please contact the above Officer.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alastair Durkin', written in a cursive style.

Alastair Durkin  
Principal Tree Officer  
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