



**For the attention of James Doe, Philip Stanley and Catherine Ford**

Planning Department  
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*By email and by post*

24<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear all,

### **Tree preservation in Berkhamsted**

As you will know, Berkhamsted Town Councillors hold strong concerns about the loss of trees and hedges with the adverse effect on the environment.

In light of the Council's commitment to the Climate Emergency, Councillors invite your colleagues to assess applications for a loss of trees, in particular in the Conservation Area, whether or not subject to TPO, against a framework of their contribution to the environment and mitigation of carbon loss.

For applications to remove a tree that is subject to a TPO, we would like the Planning Department to oblige the application to be accompanied by a report on the tree's condition.

Where consent is granted to the removal of a tree or hedge, we are pleased to see some applications include proposals to replace the loss. We would prefer that there is an expectation of some degree of mitigation to compensate for the loss, in particular if the tree is well established.

We recognise there are constraints on what can be accomplished in the planning regime, but we hope your officers will support the intent to preserve healthy mature trees.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Noakes', written over a white background.

Tony Noakes  
Town Clerk  
Berkhamsted Town Council