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Our Ref: 25/00640/TRCA
Your Ref: Church Holm Oak

8th May 2025

Dear Mr Wood
Proposal: Holm Oak - raise the canopy by 3m.

Site address: St Mary Magdalenes Church Church End Hilton

I have inspected the tree(s) and considered the work you are proposing to carry out as described in your notification received 2nd April 2025.

I confirm it is not the authority's intention to serve the tree(s) with a Tree Preservation Order and therefore you advised that you can now proceed with this work. You have 2 years from the date of your notification to complete the work.

You are reminded this decision relates only to the tree works identified in your notification; any additional tree work will be subject to a further notification and should be submitted prior to any works commencing.

This consent does not convey authority to undertake work on land owned by any other party. You are reminded that the landowner's consent is also required prior to any work being carried out and it is your responsibility to ensure that consent is obtained prior to commencement of works.

INFORMATIVES

1. **Work Standard:** The work should be undertaken in accordance with British Standard 3998:2010 "Recommendations for Tree Work".
2. **Felling:** Where tree felling is intended, replacement tree planting is advised to maintain the canopy cover of the district, improve biodiversity, and lessen the impact of tree removal on climate change.

3. **Trees and Wildlife:** Trees are hosts to nesting birds, many of which are protected by law. Investigations should be carried out for signs of bats (all of which are protected by law) and nesting birds and advice sought from appropriate agencies such as Natural England, the Bat Conservation Trust (BCT) or the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) following any positive sightings. Tree works should be planned carefully to avoid disturbing nesting birds and roosting bats. The disturbance of protected species is an offence and could result in prosecution, a criminal record and a substantial fine.

Yours sincerely

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