



COTSWOLD
District Council

PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE – WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2026

ADDITIONAL PAGES

Agenda No 10

26/00002/MIX - The Folly West End Gardens Fairford Glos GL7 4JBN

Additional Comment of support to record - please see attached correspondence dated 3 May 2026

Spring Cottage
West End Gardens
Fairford
Gloucestershire
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3rd May 2026

Subject: Support for Cotswold District Council Tree Preservation Order NO 26/00002 - THE FOLLY, WEST END GARDENS, FAIRFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, 2026

Dear Sir

We are writing to express our strong support for the confirmation of the above mentioned Tree Preservation Order and believe these trees deserve protection for the following reasons:

Trees referenced G1 and G2 on the map

Due to the scale of these trees, they are of high visual amenity value to the north-west entrance to Fairford, lying immediately adjoining the edge of open countryside and thereby contributing to a soft transition to the built form in this part of Fairford and enhancing the character of the local landscape. We agree with the comments made by the Planning Inspector when refusing a previous planning application appeal (APP/F1610/W/25/3360024) at The Folly, that removal of these trees 'would be harmful to the character and appearance of the area' and 'any replacement landscaping would take considerable time to mature'.

Trees referenced G3 and T1 on the map

These fruit trees provide welcome habitats for wildlife due to the veteran features they exhibit; namely hollow trunks and rot holes. In addition the spring blossom is an essential high quality nectar source for the many bees, hoverflies, butterflies and other numerous insects which we regularly see in West End Gardens. The late hanging fruit provides a valuable food source for numerous birds seen in the vicinity. Having lived close to The Folly for almost 20 years we can also verify the existence of bats in West End Gardens and each year enjoy the sight of them foraging insects in and around the garden of The Folly and neighbouring gardens.

For the reason above we urge the Council to confirm this Tree Preservation Order.

Yours sincerely

Stephen and Micheel Mason