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Verification of Evidence

This statement is submitted to the Local Planning Authority to provide formal verification and professional justification for proposed works to a tree protected under a **Tree Preservation Order (TPO)**. As explicitly recommended within the accompanying professional Arboricultural Survey prepared by **Ligna Consultancy** the proposed specification of works entails the complete **re-pollarding** of the subject tree—a mature **Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*)** identified as **T16**—back to its previously established pruning framework. This proactive management strategy is essential to ensure the long-term physiological health, safety, and structural stability of this specific specimen within its immediate setting.

The professional evidence supporting this application highlights that the Red Oak has a well-documented history of regular pollard management. Failing to re-pollard a tree of this species on its established, cyclical schedule poses a distinct structural hazard. Because Red Oak timber features fast-growing growth increments, heavy unmaintained regrowth can quickly become structurally weak and increasingly vulnerable to catastrophic failure or wind-sail fracturing at the attachment points, introducing an unacceptable safety risk to the surrounding target area.

To mitigate these identified structural risks, all proposed works will be carried out in strict accordance with the operational recommendations of British Standard 3998:2010. Pruning cuts will be executed cleanly just above the established pollard knuckles, preserving the Red Oak's core structural framework while preventing excessive wounding or internal decay pocketing. The operations will be undertaken exclusively by a fully qualified, NPTC-certified, and comprehensively insured arboricultural contractor.