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Your contact is: Andrei Nazare, Planning, Development & Regulatory Services

Dear Mr Garbutt,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TWO CONIFERS AT 100 HAMILTON ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your notification of 8 June 2021, regarding the above.

Further to your notification, works specifications and the photographs received on 8 June, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- 1x Yew tree - reduce by 2m all around
- 1x Leyland cypress tree - fell to ground

The photograph provided shows both trees growing close to the boundary brick wall - albeit the wall appears to end behind the cypress tree? Of the two, the cypress tree has a poorer form as it may have been topped before (historically). Due to its location (close to the wall) and reduced public amenity, the Yew tree is also not suitable for inclusion in a Tree Preservation Order. As such, the intended works are agreeable.

Officer note regarding the Yew tree: the intended reduction of 2m all around (meaning 2m on each side, leading to 4m in total) will significantly reduce the leaf area of the tree, thus it will both limit its photosynthesis ability and its visual amenity. It is advisable to hire a professional tree surgeon to work with care on the Yew so that the final result maintains a natural looking crown shape.

The agreed works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 20 July 2023.

This decision is valid for two years from the date of this letter, after which it lapses.

Informatives

1. Removal of dead or dangerous wood: This does not require the formal consent of the Council. However written notice must be given 5 working days in advance of removing dead wood. Where a branch is deemed to be 'dangerous', i.e. where works are 'urgently necessary to remove an immediate risk of serious harm', you are required to give notice to the Council 'as soon as practicable after the works become necessary'.

2. Disturbance of wildlife: It is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) to disturb roosting bats or nesting birds. It is advisable to consult your tree surgeon/consultant to agree an acceptable time for carrying out any work. Wildlife and habitat controls are administered by Natural England who can be contacted on 0300 060 3900; enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of Sarah Hanson, Natural Environment Officer