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

Dear Mrs Williams,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE LIME TREE AT 169 KIDMORE ROAD, READING - T1 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 221/06.

Thank you for your application of 23 March 2023, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on 4 May 2023, I can confirm that the following works, are approved subject to the conditions below:

- 1x Lime tree (T1 on Application and on TPO)
 - prune back limbs overhanging garden of 15 Morecambe Av by approx. 2m

The proposed works are mostly covering the reduction of one low branch that overextends from 169 Kidmore Road into the shrub vegetation near the rear boundary. This branch is partially dead and its reduction is considered appropriate maintenance and is agreeable.

You submitted one annotated photograph to indicatively show the extent of the proposed works. Please note that this approval only includes works on those branches that actually overhang the garden of no. 15. The annotated photograph appears to show reduction of branches which do not overhang the garden, as such, these branches should not be reduced or otherwise worked on.

Conditions

1. Five days' notice in writing shall be given to the Council prior to undertaking the approved works.

Reason: To ensure that the Local Planning Authority is given sufficient notice of the works to enable the effective monitoring of tree work within the Borough.

2. All tree surgery shall be in accordance with BS 3998: (2010) Tree Work - Recommendations.

Reason: To ensure that all works are carried out in an acceptable arboricultural manner

3. Climbing spikes shall not be used whilst undertaking any form of works on living trees, except on trees to be felled.

Reason: Spikes can cause extensive long-term damage

Informatives

1. You are advised that, in accordance with Part 4, 17 (4) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012, this decision is valid for one pruning operation (as per the approved specifications) to be undertaken within two years from the date of this notice, after which the consent lapses and a new application will be required.

2. 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'.

3. 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 030 6000

4. It is best to avoid works in the period immediately before or during bud burst and leaf fall to minimise the effect on the long-term health of the tree

5. Tree work consents on land not owned by the applicant: It is strongly recommended that the owner of the tree be advised of any proposed works. The owner's permission must be sought if the tree works involve work past the boundary line. This consent does not in any way imply that this Council has informed the owner of sought permission or will condone the use of consents to force any landowner to grant such permission.

Appeals

If you are aggrieved by any of the conditions attached to your consent, you may appeal to The Planning Inspectorate (PINS). Because of coronavirus (COVID-19), you currently can only make a planning appeal online. You cannot currently apply by post.

For more information go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tree-preservation-order-appeal-form>

Telephone: 0303 444 5500 or e-mail it to:

treeandhedgeappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Your appeal should be received within one month of receipt of this decision or any such longer period as the Planning Inspectorate may allow.

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

Yours sincerely,

Andrei Nazare

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C.c. Mr Macfarlane, 15 Morecambe Av (via e-mail)