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Dear Mr Chima

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT 39 CHRISTCHURCH ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 11 May 2023, relating to the above.

I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work

- 3 conifers at the rear of the building (adjacent to the bin store) - fell
- Horse chestnut on boundary with No. 37 - fell (tree is in notable decline)
- One Laurel and one Holly at the front of the hotel, on the boundary with No. 41 - fell

The removal of the conifers, Holly and Laurel was previously agreed in 2018 (ref 182111/TCA) but not implemented, hence this is a renewal of that agreement.

None of the trees are worthy of a Tree Preservation Order.

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

No works should be carried out within 6 weeks of the date of your notice, i.e. before 22 June 2023.

Tree coverage in Conservation Areas is important as it provides their verdant nature. As such, these areas are a higher priority within our Tree Strategy for tree retention and planting. Replacement planting on the property would be welcome to maintain the

character of the area and to assist in the aim of our Tree Strategy to increase canopy cover. If you would like advice on appropriate species and planting, please feel free to contact me.

Informatives

1. 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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