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Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mr Lobo

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE FALSE ACACIA AT 46 EASTERN AVENUE, READING -
SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 13 December 2022, relating to the above and subsequent photographs of the tree.

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

- False acacia in front garden - re-pollard back to previous pollard points.

We normally recommend that re-pollarding is done mid-late Summer (July - September) when the tree's energy reserves are at their height or during the Winter months of December - January during the period of dormancy to minimise detrimental impact on the tree's future health. You may wish to consider this when booking the tree work.

I noted from the close-up photograph you provided that there is some decay (not unsurprising) in the previous pollard points. It would be prudent to consider that at some point the decay will be such that either regrowth will not occur and/or regrowth will not be well attached hence be prone to failure. Given the need to manage the tree by re-pollarding every 3 years or so, you may wish to consider at some point whether felling and replacement is a better option - replacing with a more suitably sized species or one with an upright form that would avoid clashes with the overhead wires.

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 24 January 2023.

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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