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

Dear Mr Bandler,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE BIRCH TREE AT 47 ZINZAN STREET, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your notification of 14th July 2023, regarding the above.

Further to your notice and the accompanying annotated photograph and location plan, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- 1x Birch tree - reduce branches overhanging no. 49 by approx. 3m

The reduction for the lower branch, as shown on the annotated photograph, appears to remove more than 30% of the leaf area of that branch, which is the maximum recommended under good arboricultural practices. It would therefore be prudent to liaise with the tree surgeon to carry out the tree work in an acceptable arboricultural manner in order to avoid leaving a long stub with little or no greenery on it.

The agreed works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 25th August 2023.

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

Informatives

1. 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

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 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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