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Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mr Jones

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE SYCAMORE TREE AT 75 RUSSELL STREET, READING -
SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 4 May 2023, relating to the above.

Further to my visit of 5 June 2023, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Sycamore tree in rear garden (on rear boundary) - fell.

The tree is not of an optimal form and is growing against the rear boundary wall, which has partially collapsed on the south side of the tree. It is therefore not worthy of a Tree Preservation Order hence we have no objection.

I note from the application form the reason stated for felling the tree is to erect fencing to secure the property. It is unclear whether there is an intention to remove the wall and replace with fencing or to attach fencing to the wall / add it where the wall has collapsed. As the property is in a conservation area, it would be prudent to check any planning constraints prior to removing any of the wall, if that is the intention: [Planning permission for relevant demolition in a conservation area - Consent types - Planning Portal](#)

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 15 June 2023.

Conservation Areas are higher priority areas for tree planting and retention within the Council's adopted Tree Strategy in order to maintain their verdant character. In addition, the property is within the designated Air Quality Management Area where tree retention and planting is important for air pollution mitigation. It would therefore be positive to consider replacement planting once the Sycamore is removed.

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

Sarah Hanson

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Natural Environment Officer

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