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Your contact is: Sarah Hanson, Planning, Development & Regulatory Services

Dear Mr Cantell

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TWO CEDAR TREES AT 8 WYCHCOTES, READING - T7 & T8 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 63/06.

Thank you for your application of 9 June 2023, regarding the above, with accompanying Visual Tree Assessment (VTA) from Tree Surveys, ref PB/VTA-23/05.02 dated 22 May 2023.

As you are aware, following my site visit of 12 June 2023, with my colleague Andrei Nazare, I contacted Paul Billin at Tree Surveys on 13 June to seek clarity on the branches in question for T1 of the VTA / T8 of the TPO. Confirmation was provided in his email of 22 June. Given the acceptance that it is difficult to appreciate the extent of the issue with the split, southern branch, from the ground, Mr Billin agreed that entire removal of this branch was the worst-case scenario hence that it would be appropriate for the extent of work to be determined by Beechwood Tree Care whilst on site, where the condition of the branch could be better assessed from within the crown. The approval is therefore worded accordingly.

I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below and with reference to photographs at the end of this letter:

T8 Cedar (T1 of the VTA):

Remove split limb on south side at 16m if a climbing inspection deems entire removal as necessary, otherwise reduce to make the branch safe.

Remove broken limb back to source on north side

The intention to remove major deadwood, i.e branches over 50mm at source and over 300mm in length and inspect upper canopy for defects is noted.

T.7 Cedar (T2 of the VTA)

Reduce the side growing over the property by approximately 1-1.5m

The intention to remove major deadwood, i.e. branches over 50mm at source and over 300mm in length, remove Ivy from main stem and Inspect unions and upper canopy is noted.

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

If you wish to appeal against any of the conditions attached to this consent, please contact the Planning Inspectorate within 28 days of receipt of this letter to obtain the relevant forms:

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E-mail it to: treeandhedgeappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

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

Yours sincerely

Sarah Hanson

Sarah Hanson
Natural Environment Officer

C.c. Mr Hopton, 8 Wychcotes (via email)



T8 / T1 - broken limb on north side



T8 / T1 - split branch on south side