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

Dear Mr Bee

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE PINE AND ONE ASH TREE AT PARKSIDE HOTEL, 72 BATH ROAD, READING - T9 & T24 RESPECTIVELY OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 6/01.

Thank you for your application of 20 June 2023, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on 11 August 2023, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

- T9 Ash (multi-stem) - fell.
The tree is in poor condition with a thinning crown and evident dieback.

In relation to T24 Pine, as this is dead, formal approval is not required for its felling, which is agreed and noted.

Under Section 206(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, a landowner is under a duty to replace a tree which is removed because it is dead or dangerous. The duty on the landowner is to plant another tree of an appropriate size and species at the same place as soon as he or she reasonably can.

In this case the Council would expect a replacement Scots pine (*Pinus sylvestris*) tree of a minimum 2m high to be planted within 10m of T24 in the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of felling, whichever is soonest, unless otherwise agreed with the Natural Environment Team.

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. Following the felling of the Ash tree authorised by this consent, one native or naturalised broadleaved tree of a minimum 10-12cm girth and 3m in height (at time of planting) shall be planted within a 5m radius of the felled tree during the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of the felling of the tree, whichever is soonest. The species shall be agreed with the Natural Environment Team prior to purchase and planting.

Planting should be carried out in accordance with clause 10 (Planting) of BS 8545:2014 'Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape - Recommendations'

Should the replacement tree be removed, die or become severely damaged or seriously diseased, all within 5 years of planting, it shall be replaced by a tree of a similar size and species to that originally planted. Modifications to the requirements of this condition must be agreed in writing with Reading Borough Council Natural Environment Team.

PLEASE NOTE: The requirement to replant is the responsibility of the tree owner even if the application was submitted by another person.

Reason: To retain the present visual amenity value of the area and ensure continuity of tree coverage.

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. 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

Please ensure your client receives a copy of this letter without undue delay and I wait to hear from you or Mr Walia regarding the two required replacements.

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