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

Dear Mr White

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE YEW TREE AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH, DOWNSHIRE SQUARE, READING - PART OF G1 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 6/16.

Thank you for your application of 31 July 2023, regarding the above. As you know, consent is sought retrospectively, with the works having been informally agreed last week whilst you were on site undertaking works approved under 230160/TPO. We both spoke and exchanged emails to agree the specifics of the work; the purpose of this application being to regularise the matter.

As per my email of 25 July 2023, it is agreed that the removal the section shown to leave a better crown shape (following the works approved under 230160/TPO) was reasonable. As noted in that email, the increased foliage density of the Yew (compared to previous application photos) is noted and encouraging.

I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are retrospectively approved:

- Yew (T6 of application/report; part of G1 of TPO) - remove the section shown to leave a reasonable looking tree following the removal of the adjacent conifer (work permitted as per application 230160/TPO)

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

4. Tree work consents on land not owned by the applicant: It is strongly recommended that the owner of the tree be advised of any proposed works. The owner's permission must be sought if the tree works involve work past the boundary line. This consent does not in any way imply that this Council has informed the owner of sought permission or will condone the use of consents to force any landowner to grant such permission.

5. Crown lifting of trees over the footpath and carriageway: If the clearance of vegetation overhanging the highway only involves the removal of branches to give a ground clearance to the statutory heights of 2.7m over the footpath and 5.5m over the road, this does not require formal consent from the Council. You are advised, however, to give notice to the Council of these intended works in order that they can be agreed.

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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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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