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

Dear Mrs Quinn

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT 2 DELLWOOD PARK, READING - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 16/15.

Thank you for your application of 17 July 2023, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on 28 July, I have the following comments to reiterate that discussed on site:

The majority of the proposed works were deemed to be acceptable, however we specifically discussed:

- T12 Horse chestnut - I expressed concern about the crown thinning. Given the impact of Horse chestnut leaf miner, which already reduces the photosynthetic capacity and period of time that the leaves function, it does not seem prudent to remove healthy leaf cover. We agreed to limit any thinning to that resulting from 'crown cleaning' instead,
- T16 Beech - we weren't clear on which was the 'lowest branch' referred to for removal but identified the likely branch (I include an annotated photo below),
- T14 Oak - we agreed to omit crown thinning from the application as the crown is fairly thin already.

I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application (as amended), are approved subject to the conditions below and with reference to the annotated photographs provided below:

- Irish Yew T11: Reduce crown to a finished height of 5m; remove side branches falling out of crown shape; replace wire banding,
- Horse Chestnut T12: Crown lift to 5m above ground level; crown clean (remove dead, dying, dangerous, crossing/rubbing branches). *Note condition 4*

- Beech T13: Remove lowest branch growing over fence into garden of 3 Dellwood; thin crown by 15%; remove deadwood; crown lift to 4m through 360°,
- Beech T16: Remove lowest branch growing over fence into neighbour's garden (Kidmore Road); thin crown by 15%; remove deadwood; crown lift to give clearance of 4m above ground level through 360°.
- Oak T14 - crown lift to 4m above ground level through 360°, reducing / removing secondary and tertiary growth only.



T13 low branch to be removed



T16 low branch to be removed

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

4. Crown cleaning should not include the removal of fused natural braces (branches or stems), or the removal of entwining branches or rubbing branches (where they may be forming a natural brace) from the crown of a semi-mature to fully mature tree without carrying out an assessment of any junctions formed below such natural braces.

Reason: Removal of natural braces may lead to failure of weak unions.

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. 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

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

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