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Your contact is: **Andrei Nazare, Planning, Development & Regulatory Services**

Dear Mr Cacic-Arapovic,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE LIME TREE AT 2 MALDON CLOSE, READING - T2 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 137/001.

Thank you for your application of 30 May 2023, regarding the above.

Further to your e-mail exchange with my colleague Sarah Hanson on 31st May 2023 and the photographs accompanying the application, I can confirm that the following amended works, are approved subject to the conditions below:

- 1x Lime tree (T2 on TPO) - Crown lift (remove lower branches) up to 2.75m above ground level through 360° by removing basal and minor growth

Given the predisposition of Lime trees to develop epicormic/basal growth, the proposed works are considered reasonable maintenance and are, as such, agreeable and consistent with that approved under previous application 220829.

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 are aggrieved by any of the conditions attached to your consent, you may appeal to The Planning Inspectorate (PINS). Because of coronavirus (COVID-19), you currently can only make a planning appeal online. You cannot currently apply by post.

For more information go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tree-preservation-order-appeal-form>

Telephone: 0303 444 5500 or e-mail it to:

treeandhedgeappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Your appeal should be received within one month of receipt of this decision or any such longer period as the Planning Inspectorate may allow.

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

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of Sarah Hanson, Natural Environment Officer