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Sarah Hanson, Planning, Development & Regulatory Services

Dear Ms Paines

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT 44 NEW ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO
CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 20 June 2023, relating to the above.

I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Fell two Apple trees in the rear garden
- Relocate on Cherry tree within the rear garden

During our visit of 26 June 2023 we discussed the proposed works. I queried whether the Apple trees required removal, particularly as they did not appear to impact on the proposed development plans for the site. You appeared happy to consider pruning as an alternative, which would be positive. As advised, if development proposals come forward, we would expect new tree planting, the amount of which is only likely to be increased by further tree removal (on top of that under tree works notice 221735).

In relation to the relocation of the Cherry, it was explained that you wanted to retain the Cherry but that its current location was too close to the house and created issues for your neighbour at No. 42 (pruning of overhanging branches was included in recent tree works notice 230734 submitted by your neighbour). I understand that you have taken expert advice from Civic Trees on the feasibility of this. No doubt they will guide you on the most appropriate time of year for this to occur to minimise stress on the tree and increase the chances of a successful relocation. Post-relocation aftercare will be important to help the tree recover, and I assume they will also provide you with guidance on that.

This decision is valid for two years from the date of this letter, after which it lapses.

6 weeks of the date of your notice is today, 1 August 2023, hence works can now go ahead.

Informatives

1. 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 060 3900; enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk

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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