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

Dear Mr. Smith,

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE EUCALYPTUS TREE AT 31 KENDRICK ROAD, READING -
SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for your notification of 22 March 2023, regarding the above.

Further to your application and the annotated photographs accompanying it, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- 1x Eucalyptus tree - reduce by 3-4m (as per annotated photographs)

The proposed reduction is significant and will remove a large part of the tree's leaf area, which is not in line with good arboricultural practice. Hard pruning, similar to that discussed in this letter, create large wounds prone to dysfunction and decay which, combined with the sudden loss of leaf area, can lead to the tree's irreversible decline in the long term. However, Eucalyptus are vigorous trees and it is not worthy of inclusion in a Tree Preservation Order, hence we offer no formal objection.

The agreed works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 3rd May 2023

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

Informatives

1. 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'.

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 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,

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