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Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mr Sykes

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE TREE AT 21 RUSSELL STREET, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 29 September 2022, relating to one Sycamore tree at the front of the above property.

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

- Sycamore on frontage - crown reduce as indicated in the annotated photograph provided (reproduced below)

The pruning is agreed as the tree is not worthy of a Tree Preservation Order as it is growing close to the boundary wall and overhead wires are amongst the crown. The crown reduction proposed is significant and appears to equate to a reduction between one half and two thirds of the size of the tree. As this is over and above that recommended by good arboricultural practice, I strongly recommend that you seek professional advice on the extent of pruning to limit it to that which alleviates concerns but does not result in the decline of the tree, if you wish to keep the tree in the longer term.

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

No works should be carried out within 6 weeks of the date of your notice, i.e. before 10 November 2022.

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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