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Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mr Bell-Ross

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE GOLDEN FALSE ACACIA AT 1-2 SPRINGFIELD MEWS,  
READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for your Tree Works Notice of 5 June 2022, relating to the above.

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

- Golden False acacia on frontage of 1-2 Springfield Mews - fell.

The tree is in close proximity to both dwellings, hence is in an unsustainable location. In addition, from the photographs provided, there appears to be a longitudinal defect up the trunk which is of concern. The tree is not included in TPO 24/07, which protects a number of trees in Springfield Mews, as it was not deemed worthy of inclusion.

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 17 July 2022

In view of our Tree Strategy, one objective of which is to increase canopy cover in the Borough, I would encourage you and your neighbour to consider planting a replacement tree. Conservation Areas are one of our priority areas for tree retention and planting, as trees provide the characteristic verdant nature of such areas. Canopy cover loss would therefore also be detrimental to the character of a Conservation Area.

## 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](mailto: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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