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Your contact is:

Sarah Hanson, Planning

Dear Mr Harmer

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE LIME TREE AT 72 REDLANDS ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 31 March 2022 to re-pollard the Lime tree on the neighbouring property back to previous pollard points.

My email of 28 April expressed concern over the proposed works in relation to the harm to the tree and amenity value it provides. Following further email discussion and your meeting with our arboricultural consultant, Sarah Duckworth, on 2 May 2022, agreement was given to amend the proposed tree works to lessen the harm to the tree whilst hopefully also alleviating your concerns.

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

- Lime at 72 Redlands Road - Reduce canopy by 3-4m in height and 1.5-2m in lateral spread to create a balanced shape; Crown lift to give 5m canopy clearance above ground level removing smaller branches under 100mm diameter back to the trunk to allow lower light under the canopy and into the garden of 70 Redlands Road.

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 12 May 2022. Please note the informative below, especially that relating to timing in order to minimise the potential harm to the tree from the agreed works.

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

2. The approved work are best undertaken in mid-late Summer (July - September) when the tree's energy reserves are at their height or during the Winter months of December - January during the period of dormancy.

Reason: Taking into account the tree's phenological cycle and in order to avoid any unnecessary detriment to the tree as a result of the pruning work.

3. Tree work consents on land not owned by the applicant: It is strongly recommended that the owner of the tree be advised of any proposed works. The owner's permission must be sought if the tree works involve work past the boundary line. This letter does not in any way imply that this Council has informed the owner of sought permission or will condone the use of consents to force any landowner to grant such permission.

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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