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Your contact is: Sarah Hanson, Planning, Development & Regulatory Services

Dear Mr White

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE BOX ELDER TREE AT 5 NEW ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 19 September 2022, relating to the above.

I have viewed the Box Elder tree in question a number of times during the processing of previous tree work notices at this address so am familiar with the tree. From photographs taken over the years, I can appreciate the decline of the tree and I note the cavity now identified in the main stem.

Given the above, the tree is not worthy of a Tree Preservation Order and as such I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- T1 Box Elder in rear garden - fell.

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 31 October 2022.

I am aware that Mr Thomas has planted new trees over the years, and I hope that consideration can be given to planting a replacement tree following the felling of the Box Elder to help maintain tree coverage; important for the character of Conservation Areas and to help with the aims of our Tree Strategy.

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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Natural Environment Officer

C.c. Mr Thomas, 5 New Road