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Your contact is:

Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Ms Lynch

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE FIG TREE AT 6 THE MOUNT, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 11 August 2022, relating to the above.

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

- Fig tree in rear garden - fell

The Fig was viewed during my visit to assess your previous (recent) tree works application, ref 220928, which included the pruning of the tree. The reasons for the removal are that you have had some work carried out on it, but the trunk is now so thick and growing out at a right angle that your tree surgeon and the landscape gardener advise that it should be removed as it is likely to be undermining the foundations of the wall, that it is also leaning on. In addition, it is also likely to cause damage to the garage as it is too close and lifting from that side.

It is agreed that the tree has not been managed and is not in a sustainable location given the structures around it. As such, it is not worthy of a Tree Preservation Order hence there are no objections to its removal.

You have indicated that you may 'start again' with a new tree, which will be positive. Conservation Areas are often characterised by their verdant nature hence are a priority area for tree retention and planting. The provision of a replacement would ensure that the canopy cover in the locality is not denuded, to the detriment of the area.

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 22 September 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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