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Your contact is:

Sarah Hanson, Planning

Dear Mr. Cantell,

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT GEOFFREY FIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL, EXBOURNE ROAD, READING, RG2 8RH - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 7/17.**

Thank you for your application of 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022, regarding the above, with accompanying Tree Hazard Survey dated 01.11.2021 from Fulford-Dobson Associates Ltd.

Further to our consultant arboriculturalist's visit on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

Approved Tree Works

**T26 - Lime (T12 of TPO 7/17)**

- Reduce southeast sub-stem over neighbour's garden by 1- 2m. Pruning cuts will be approximately 25 - 40mm diameter.

**T29 Lime (14 of TPO 7/17)**

- Reduce southwest sub-stem by 1.5-2.5m. Pruning cuts will be approximately 30 - 50mm diameter.
- Reduce lateral spread of next branch up growing south over private gardens by 1- 2m. Pruning cuts will be approximately 20 - 40mm diameter.
- Reduce height of northwest sub-stem by 2- 2.5m. Pruning cuts will be approximately 35 - 55mm diameter.

**T33 Lime (T17 of TPO 7/17)**

- Reduce southeast sub-stem by 1.5 - 2m. Pruning cuts will be approximately 30 - 50mm diameter.

- Reduce northwest sub-stem by 1.5 - 2m. Pruning cuts will be approximately 30-50mm diameter.

#### T35 Lime (T19 of TPO 7/17)

- Sever and remove ivy to 2m clear stem.
- Reduce height and lateral spread of southwest sub-stem by 1.5-2m, pruning cuts will be approximately 30 - 45mm diameter.

#### T36 Norway Maple (T20 of TPO 7/17)

- Reduce height by 2-2.5m, pruning cuts will be approximately 40 - 60mm diameter due to the confirmed presence of basal decay.

#### Officer Notes:

The permitted works to the Limes are minor works to reduce the tips of larger branches particularly where they extend over the gardens of neighbouring properties. The works are reasonable and proportionate to the management of the trees in relation to the neighbouring residential properties. Pruning cuts will be kept small reducing harm to tree health and the works will not detract from the wider amenity of these prominent protected trees.

#### Conditions

1. All tree surgery shall be in accordance with BS 3998: (2010) Tree Work - Recommendations.

Reason: To ensure that all works are carried out in an acceptable arboricultural manner

2. Climbing spikes shall not be used whilst undertaking any form of works on living trees, except on trees to be felled.

Reason: Spikes can cause extensive long-term damage

#### Informatives

1. You are advised that, in accordance with Part 4, 17 (4) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012, this decision is valid for one pruning operation (as per the approved specifications) to be undertaken within two years from the date of this notice, after which the consent lapses and a new application will be required.

2. Removal of dead or dangerous wood: This does not require the formal consent of the Council. However written notice must be given 5 working days in advance of removing dead wood. Where a branch is deemed to be 'dangerous', i.e. where works are 'urgently necessary to remove an immediate risk of serious harm', you are required to give notice to the Council 'as soon as practicable after the works become necessary'.

3. 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 030 6000

4. It is best to avoid works in the period immediately before or during bud burst and leaf fall to minimise the effect on the long-term health of the tree

If you wish to appeal against any of the conditions attached to your consent, you may appeal to The Planning Inspectorate (PINS). Because of coronavirus (COVID-19), you currently can only make a planning appeal online. You cannot currently apply by post.

For more information go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tree-preservation-order-appeal-form>

Telephone: 0303 444 5570 or e-mail it to:

[treeandhedgeappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:treeandhedgeappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

Your appeal should be received within one month of receipt of this decision or any such longer period as the Planning Inspectorate may allow.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely,

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