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Your contact is:

Sarah Hanson, Planning

Dear Mrs. Williams,

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT 20 ORWELL CLOSE CAVERSHAM READING RG4 7PU
- SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 26/07.**

Thank you for your application dated 12th May 2022, regarding the above and subsequent email of the same date clarifying the proposed works.

Further to the Council's Tree Consultant's visit on 26th 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

G1 - Sycamore and Holly

- Prune branches of Sycamore back so there is no overhang of more than 3m over the garden of 20 Orwell Close.
- Prune holly trees back so there is no overhang of more than 2m over the garden of 20 Orwell Close which equates to a reduction of approximately 1m to suitable growth points.

Officer notes

The Council has assessed the impact of the proposed pruning works on both the health of the trees and on the wider local amenity of the trees, also taking into account the close proximity of these large trees to property.

The tree owner has received sound arboricultural advice and is advised that the works specified are the maximum reduction permissible on this occasion to these healthy trees.

The reduction works as specified will ensure a high number of growth tips are retained and pruning cuts will be small in accordance with BS:3998 'Tree Works Recommendations'. All trees are expected to recover favourably following the tree works.

You are advised that this consent does not set a imply that further or repeat reductions to the trees' canopies will be permitted. Any future applications to carry out works to the tree will be considered on its merits taking into account the health and condition of the trees at the time of application.

It is noted that the trees have a significant amount of Ivy present. Whilst it is appreciated that this will provide a screen for the owners, there are benefits of severing this, e.g. to allow proper inspection of the trees, to reduce the weight in the tree (reduce chance of branch failure) and to reduce the 'sail area' in high winds. I note the intention to sever the Ivy at 6m above ground level which is positive and should be done with care to avoid damage to the trees.

Conditions

1. All tree surgery shall be in accordance with BS 3998: (2010) Tree Work - Recommendations. Pruning cuts will not exceed 100mm diameter.

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

If you are aggrieved by 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

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

You are advised that this letter is in respect of the Tree Preservation Order only and it does not imply that consent would be forthcoming from the owner of the tree(s) or any such other persons from whom consent would be required.

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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