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Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mr Baderin

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TWO CHERRY TREES AT 72 HAMILTON ROAD, READING -
SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 20 July 2022, relating to the above.

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

- 2 No. Cherry trees in front garden - reduce by 50%

The Council are unable to object to tree works other than by serving a Tree Preservation Order. The trees, whilst contributing to the general verdant nature of the area, are not considered worthy of a TPO hence there is no formal objection to the proposed reductions. However, it I would comment that a 50% reduction is significant and well above the maximum 30% suggested by good arboricultural practice; 30% only being suggested when there are sound arboricultural reasons to carry this out. The reduction will create multiple wounds throughout the crown, each being an entry point for pathogens. The reduction will also remove half of the foliage, hence significantly reduce the 'food producing' leaf area. The works could therefore have a detrimental impact on the future health of the trees, as well as affecting their amenity value.

It is appreciated that pruning is required to maintain clearance from the telephone wires above, but you may wish to consider if a lesser reduction would be sufficient to minimise the harm to the trees. It is best to carry out the work as soon as possible (in the summer) and before autumn / winter when the spores of Silver leaf fungus fruiting bodies are predominantly produced.

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 August 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

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