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Your contact
is: Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Sir or Madam,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO LIME TREES AT TESCO SUPERSTORE, PORTMAN ROAD, READING - PART OF G1 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 46/02 AND WITHIN AREA TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 103/03.

Thank you for your tree works application, received on 26th March 2022 and validated on 12th May 2022, regarding the above.

Your tree works application included multiple trees across the Tesco site. My email of 28 March 2022 confirmed that all but the above Limes were not included in TPO 103/03, hence approval was not required for work to trees other than the Limes, which are included in TPO 103/03 but specified particularly in TPO 46/02.

Further to a site visit by the Council's Arboricultural Consultant on Thursday 30th June, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application are approved subject to the conditions below:

Approved Tree Works

G1 Limes (your GC033874)

- Prune to give 3m clearance from the adjacent Tesco building
Please note the limitations to this consent in Condition 1 - below.

Conditions relating to the approved works

1. The works permitted are to allow the removal or reduction of secondary and tertiary branch tips back to suitable growth points to create up to 3m canopy clearance over and to the side of the adjacent building only. All tree surgery shall be in accordance with BS 3998: (2010) Tree Work - Recommendations. Following the permitted works, branches over 3m above the building will still grow over the building. Pruning cuts shall 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: Climbing spikes cause significant damage to trees and tree bark.

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 the approved works, 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.

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

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Hanson

Sarah Hanson
Natural Environment Officer