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Your contact is:

Andrei Nazare, Planning

Dear Mr. Roznowski,

**RE: PROPOSED FELLING OF TWO LEYLAND CYPRESS TREES AT BROWNLOW LODGE,
BROWNLOW ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for your notification of 4th April 2022, regarding the above.

Further to Mr Hatherly's and your e-mail and, respectively, notification, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- 2x Leyland cypress - fell to ground

Your notice is accompanied by 6 photographs that show the condition of the trees is not optimal. Both trees are growing against the boundary fence and have already damaged it to some extent. One photograph also shows the poor form of one of the trees, which is not characteristic of this species and was probably caused by losing its leading shoot early on.

I note that a neighbour, Dr Smith of 17 Tilehurst Road, sent a letter supporting the felling or reduction in height of the trees. The reasons given in this letter are based on the shade the trees cast on his and other neighbouring properties. While I am sympathetic for the nuisance caused by the shade to neighbours, this is not considered an appropriate reason to fell the trees and will not be part of the basis for this decision.

In conclusion, due to poor form and the species not being in keeping with the character of the conservation area, the trees are not suitable for a Tree Preservation Order and felling is, as such, agreeable.

The Council is encouraging replacement planting for all felled trees in order to help reach the Tree Strategy's objectives to increase canopy cover in the Borough, to mitigate climate change effects (reducing heat island effect, rain-water runoff, air and noise pollution) as well as to maintain amenity value on the property and in the wider area. If your client decides to plant a replacement tree, I advise them to browse the [Council's Tree Strategy](#) to familiarize with the tree species status in Reading. As per the Tree Strategy and Biodiversity Action Plan, we are encouraging planting of trees that are either native or provide wildlife value for biodiversity benefits.

The agreed works can be carried out at your convenience, as the six weeks from the date of your notification lapsed on 16th May 2022.

This decision is valid for two years from the date of this letter, after which it lapses.

Informatives

1. 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'.

2. 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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