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Your contact is: Andrei Nazare, Planning, Development & Regulatory Services

Dear Mr. Hogarth,

RE: PROPOSED FELLING OF ONE TREE AT 96 KENDRICK ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your notification of 16 August 2022, regarding the above. This has been registered with the reference 221218.

Further to your e-mail and the photographs received as part of your notification, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Tree growing against the brick wall - fell to ground

As the tree is already growing against a wall and, if allowed to continue growing, will eventually cause damage to it, the tree is not worthy of a Tree Preservation Order and no objection to its removal is given.

I have not taken into account the reason you've given for felling in this response as we do not accept this as a valid reason for felling healthy trees. However, in this particular case, due to the tree growing against a wall and not being worthy of a TPO, as mentioned above, felling is considered agreeable.

This removal is in addition to other seven trees you have given notice to fell since 2016 - if all the removals have been carried out as notified, the number of removed trees is significant in terms of canopy loss. This is likely to have a negative impact on local wildlife and other benefits trees provide, such as rainwater runoff delay or reducing heat island effects.

However, you stated that new ornamental trees are planned for the coming planting season, which is positive. 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 you decide to plant a replacement tree, I advise you 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 planting location for new trees should take into consideration the potential growth expected from the trees at maturity, as to avoid future conflicts with existing structures or buildings.

The agreed works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 27 September 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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