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Your contact is:

Andrei Nazare, Planning

Dear Ms Morris,

RE: PROPOSED FELLING OF ONE BAY TREE AT 24 NEW ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your notification of 7th March 2022, regarding the above.

Further to your notification and subsequent e-mail of 8th March with the included photographs, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- 1x Bay tree - 24 New Road - fell to ground

You stated the reason for felling is the tree is becoming too large for your garden and you would like to replace it with a Rowan. The photographs show the tree is forked with a potentially included union (already or in the future) which makes it unsuitable for a Tree Preservation Order, as such felling is 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 you decide to plant a replacement tree, I advise you to browse the [Council's Tree Strategy](#) to familiarize yourself 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 Rowan tree you are considering as a replacement meets both of these criteria.

The agreed works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 18th April 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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