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Your contact is: Sarah Hanson, Planning, Development & Regulatory Services

Dear Mr Sykes

**RE: PROPOSED FELLING OF ONE SYCAMORE TREE AT 21 RUSSELL STREET, READING -
SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for your Tree Works Notice of 25 October 2022, relating to one Sycamore tree at the front of the above property. This follows your previous tree works notice (ref 221469) which proposed a reduction of the tree and for which a formal response was provided on 25 October 2022.

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

- Sycamore on frontage - fell

As advised in the response to 221469, the tree is not worthy of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) as it is growing close to the boundary wall and overhead wires are amongst the crown.

Whilst not worthy of a TPO, the removal of the tree results in the loss of canopy cover in a low canopy cover ward (with reference to our Tree Strategy), within the designated Air Quality Management Area (ref Local Plan policy EN15), as well as being in a Conservation Area, i.e. it is in a priority area for tree retention and planting. As such, replacement planting within the curtilage, of a suitable species, would be welcome to avoid canopy cover loss.

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 6 December 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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