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Your contact is:

Andrei Nazare, Planning

Dear Ms Corner,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO HOLLY TREES AT 45 KENDRICK ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your notification of 11th February 2022, regarding the above.

Further to your notice and the photographs received on 11th February 2022, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Holly trees on Morgan Road boundary - Reduce height by 20%, crown lift to 2.4m and trim face

You intend to carry out the above proposed tree work in order to achieve the statutory clearance over the footway along Morgan Road and to manage the trees' height. As Sarah's e-mail of 14th February 2022 noted, we assume that 'trim face' means trip back to boundary, in line with advice received in Mr Nick Povall's letter of 16/02/2021. The proposed tree works are, as such, agreeable.

Additionally, you gave notice of reducing the branches of a dead Cherry tree in the garden to prepare it to be used as a support for a climbing plant - however the formal 6 week notice is not required for dead trees. There is normally a duty under the Town & Country Planning Act to replace a tree that is removed because it is dead (please note for future reference), but I note in this case you will effectively be replacing the greenery lost from the demise of the tree with the climber - as such no replacement is required and the reduction is agreeable.

The agreed works can be carried out right away as the six weeks from the date of your notification lapsed on 25th March 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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