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Sarah Hanson, Planning

Dear Mr. Konstatinidis,

SECTION 211 NOTIFICATION OF WORKS TO TREES AT CHRISTCHURCH VICARAGE, 4 VICARAGE ROAD, READING, BERKSHIRE RG2 7AJ - WITHIN THE CHRISTCHURCH ROAD CONSERVATION AREA.

Thank you for your notification dated 9th May 2022 regarding trees at the above address and subsequent email of 7 June clarifying the works to 692 Lime. Further to our arboricultural consultant's visit on 26th May 2022, I can confirm that the Borough Council raises **no objections** to the following tree works being undertaken as specified (those in *italics* do not require a S211 Notice but are included for completeness):

Agreed works:

G1 - Yew & Laurel

- Maintain by cutting back lawn side to border edge.
- Removal of vertical growth to approximately 4m above ground level.

692 - Lime

- Reduce canopy height and lateral spread by approximately 2-3m back to previous pruning points where present.

693 - *Lime*

- *Remove major/moderate deadwood*
- *Remove 1x hanging branch*

695 - 2x Yew

- *Lift low branches over roadside to maintain statutory clearance (2.75m above the pavement; 5.5m above the road)*

G2 - 5x Holm

- Raise low branches over garden to approximately 2m above ground level
- Raise low branches to maintain statutory clearance (2.7m) over pavement

G3 - Various

- *Raise low branches over pavement (2.75m) and road (5.5m) to maintain statutory clearance*

G4 - Yew

- *Trim hedge to maintain in current form*

697 - Lime

- Remove epicormic growth around lower base and trunk
- Tidy damaged branch stub
- Remove moderate sized deadwood

Informatives

1. You are advised that this decision is valid for two years from the date of this letter, after which it lapses and further notification will be required.

2. The severing and removal of ivy from protected trees / trees withing a Conservation Area does not require an application or notification to the Borough Council. Please only use hand tools when carrying out this operation taking care not to damage tree bark. In accordance with arboricultural good practice, chainsaws should not be used to cut ivy growth.

3. 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.

4. The approved canopy reduction to 692 Lime is best undertaken in mid-late Summer (July - September) when the tree's energy reserves are at their height or during the Winter months of December - January during the period of dormancy to take into account the tree's phenological cycle and in order to avoid any unnecessary detriment to the tree as a result of the pruning work.

Yours sincerely,

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