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

Dear Mr Telletxea

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE LAWSON CYPRESS AT 12 DERBY ROAD, READING - T9 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 155/06.

Thank you for your application of 26 August 2022, regarding the above.

Your application included the following:

Lawson cypress - TPO 155/06.

Planning to crown lift spruce tree to a height of approx. 6 m from the floor.

The tree is located in front of house number 12 Derby Road RG4 5EY

Reasoning is that the tree is quite big (even taller than the house) and it's covering most of the light. It makes it difficult to find the house number when getting deliveries. In addition to this, branches and leaves fall near the gutters so there is a risk of blocking them.

Further to my visit on 27 September 2022, I have the following comments:

The tree appears to be in good condition. The proximity of the tree to the dwelling and low hanging branches makes crown lifting (removal of low branches) a reasonable proposal to provide greater clearance above ground level and to allow more light under the canopy. The crown lifting proposed (to 6m) is considered to be excessive, particularly as this would involve the removal of a large diameter branch. However, a crown lift to a lesser extent is agreed below that will hopefully alleviate your concerns relating to light whilst not being harmful to the tree.

In relation to the reasons for your proposed work, crown lifting, even to the height you proposed, is unlikely to alleviate the issues regarding potential blocking of gutters and will

not reduce the height of the tree. It would be prudent to consider gutter covers to prevent vegetation falling in gutters.

In conclusion, crown lifting to 6m above ground level is refused, however, I can confirm that the following, lesser, works are approved subject to the conditions below and with reference to the attached, annotate photographs:

- T9 Lawson cypress - crown lift to the height of the lowest major branch, removing secondary, vertically hanging growth only back to their point of origin, retaining lateral growth, as shown on the photographs attached.

Conditions

1. Five days' notice in writing shall be given to the Council prior to undertaking the approved works.

Reason: To ensure that the Local Planning Authority is given sufficient notice of the works to enable the effective monitoring of tree work within the Borough.

2. All tree surgery shall be in accordance with BS 3998: (2010) Tree Work - Recommendations.

Reason: To ensure that all works are carried out in an acceptable arboricultural manner

3. Climbing spikes shall not be used whilst undertaking any form of works on living trees, except on trees to be felled.

Reason: Spikes can cause extensive long-term damage

Informatives

1. You are advised that, in accordance with Part 4, 17 (4) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012, this decision is valid for one pruning operation (as per the approved specifications) to be undertaken within two years from the date of this notice, after which the consent lapses and a new application will be required.

2. 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'.

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 030 6000

4. Tree work consents on land not owned by the applicant: It is strongly recommended that the owner of the tree be advised of any proposed works. The owner's permission

must be sought if the tree works involve work past the boundary line. This consent does not in any way imply that this Council has informed the owner of sought permission or will condone the use of consents to force any landowner to grant such permission.

If you wish to appeal against the refused pruning or any of the conditions attached to the consented pruning, please contact the Planning Inspectorate within 28 days of receipt of this letter to obtain the relevant forms:

Trees and Hedges
Room 3A Eagle Wing
Temple Quay House
2 The Square
Temple Quay
Bristol
BS1 6PN

Telephone: 0303 444 5570

E-mail it to: treeandhedgeappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

See Gov.uk for further information: [Tree Preservation Orders and trees in conservation areas - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tree-preservation-orders-and-trees-in-conservation-areas)

If you suffer any loss or damage as a result of this refusal of consent, you may be entitled to recover compensation from the Council. If you wish to make a claim you must do so within 12 months from the date of this decision (or, if you appeal to the Secretary of State, within 12 months from the date of his decision). Claims should be made in writing to the Insurance Section, Reading Borough Council, Civic Centre, Bridge Street, Reading, RG1 2LU.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Hanson

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