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26th January 2022

Your contact is: Sarah Hanson, Planning

Dear Mr. Wastle,

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT 14 THE RISE, CAVERSHAM, READING RG4 8NZ -
SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 43/01.**

Thank you for your application dated 16th December 2022, regarding the above.

Further to the Council's Tree Consultant's (Sarah Duckworth) visit on 20th January 2022, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

Approved Tree Works

T3 Oak (T6 of TPO 43/01)

- Reduce lateral southern aspect by up to 2m blending into eastern and western profile.
- Remove lowest southern lateral previously pruned to source, this is a secondary branch the originates from a first order branch.
- Reduce height by up to 1.5m to suitable secondary growth points

T4 Oak (T3 of TPO 43/01)

- Reduce crown by up to 1.5m in height and lateral spread to suitable growth points ensuring a balanced and flowing crown.
- Lift crown to 4m.

Officer notes

The Council has assessed the impact of the proposed pruning works on the health of both trees and on the wider local amenity of the trees, also taking into account the close proximity of these two potentially large trees to property.

The tree owner is advised that Reading Borough Council would rarely consent to a complete reduction of a healthy protected tree and on this occasion, both Oaks appear to be healthy mature trees with good form and physiological health.

However, it is also noted that the trees are growing very close to the adjacent residential properties and that the proposed canopy reduction equates to a minor reduction of the overall canopy volume for both trees. The proposed work will go some way to reducing the overbearing nature of the trees in relation to the adjacent residential properties.

The tree owner has received sound arboricultural advice and is advised that the works specified are the maximum reduction permissible on this occasion to these healthy trees. The reduction works as specified will ensure a high number of growth tips are retained lower in the canopy and pruning cuts will be small in accordance with BS:3998 'Tree Works Recommendations'. Both trees are in good health and are expected to recover favourably following the tree works, which are also not considered to have a detrimental impact on appearance, hence amenity value, of the trees.

You are advised that this consent does not set a imply that further or repeat reductions to the trees' canopies will be permitted. Any future applications to carry out works to the tree will be considered on its merits taking into account the health and condition of the tree at the time of application.

As confirmed in my acknowledgement, neither the Lawson Cypress nor Leylandii are included in the TPO.

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. Pruning cuts will not exceed 100mm diameter.

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

3. The approved canopy reduction shall be undertaken in mid-late Summer (July - September) when the tree's energy reserves are at their height or during the Winter months of December - February during the period of dormancy.

Reason: Taking 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.

4. 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

If you are aggrieved by any of the conditions attached to your consent, you may appeal to The Planning Inspectorate (PINS). Because of coronavirus (COVID-19), you currently can only make a planning appeal online. You cannot currently apply by post.

For more information go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tree-preservation-order-appeal-form>

Telephone: 0303 444 5570 or e-mail it to:

treeandhedgeappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Your appeal should be received within one month of receipt of this decision or any such longer period as the Planning Inspectorate may allow.

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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