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Sarah Hanson, Planning

Dear Mr Jamal

RE: PROPOSED FELLING OF ONE SYCAMORE TREE ADJACENT TO 133 CASTLE HILL, WITHIN THE CURTILAGE OF YEOMANRY HOUSE, CASTLE HILL, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for request of 17 March 2022 to fell the Council Sycamore tree, which was taken as formal Notice (Section 211 Notice) to fell the tree, as required in a Conservation Area.

I have liaised with Jack Nicholls-Sames in our Parks department and Steve Hicks in our Valuation department (which included liaison with the buyer of the land), for their input on the proposed felling. No objections have been raised in principle, but this is subject to a number of stipulations as set out below.

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

- Sycamore adjacent (south of) 133 Castle Hill (within the curtilage of Yeomanry House) - fell.

This decision is valid for two years from the date of this letter, after which it lapses.

The agreed works should not be carried out until further liaison with my colleagues in Parks and Valuation has taken place (contact details below).

Arrangements for the felling need to be agreed and it is suggested that the best option would be for the Council's tree gang to undertake this work at your expense.

In view of the aims of our Tree Strategy, the Council will require a replacement tree for the Sycamore, the cost of which (along with maintenance) will be borne by you. The estimated cost of this will be approximately £350. Please note that this may not necessarily be within the curtilage of Yeomanry House due to the imminent sale of the property, but if not, it will be in the locality.

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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