

Dr J S Roopra
4 Glebe Road
Reading
Berkshire
RG2 7AG

Frances Martin
Director for Economic Growth
and Neighbourhood Services

Civic Centre, Reading, RG1 2LU
☎ 0118 937 3787

Our Ref: 220461/TCA
Your Ref:

Direct: ☎01189 372440
Email: sarah.hanson@reading.gov.uk

22nd April 2022

Your contact is:

Sarah Hanson, Planning

Dear Dr. Roopra,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT 4 GLEBE ROAD, READING RG2 7AG - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

With reference to your notification dated 16th March 2022. I can confirm that the Borough Council raises no objections to the following tree works being undertaken as specified within the Christchurch Conservation Area:

3x Cedar - Fell to ground level
Silver Birch - Fell to ground level

A Council Officer has visited the property and confirmed that the Cedar trees are in poor health, with one being dead. In relation to the Birch, this is considered to have limited wider visual amenity value such that it does not meet the criteria for inclusion in a Tree Preservation Order at this time.

The works should not be carried out until 6 weeks from the date of your Notice, i.e. before the 27 April 2022, with the exception of the removal of the dead Cedar which can be done at any time.

Under Section 213 (1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, a landowner is under a duty to replace a tree which is removed because it is dead or dangerous. The duty on the landowner is to plant another tree of an appropriate size and species at the same place as soon as he or she reasonably can.

In this case the Council would expect a replacement tree for the dead Cedar, of a minimum 10-12cm girth and 3m high, to be planted within the curtilage of the property in

the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of felling, whichever is soonest. Please ensure the species is agreed with the Council prior to purchase and planting and that agreement is in place ready to plant at the beginning of the next planting season, i.e. November 2022.

The Council also encourage you to consider further replacements to mitigate the loss of the other 2 Cedars and Birch. Following the adoption of our second Tree Strategy in 2021, one aim of which is to increase canopy cover across the Borough, the need for replacement planting is vital to help achieve this. Conservation Areas are a high priority area for tree retention and planting due to the character which trees give to such areas. I hope you will therefore consider additional planting over and above the one legally required replacement.

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. 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,

Sarah Hanson

Sarah Hanson
Natural Environment Officer