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17th February 2022

Your contact is:

Sarah Hanson, Planning

Dear Mr. McMullan

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TWO TREES AT BEECHER HALL, 42 BATH ROAD, READING, BERKSHIRE - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 62/06.

Thank you for your application dated 14th January 2022, regarding the above.

Further to the Council's Consultant Tree Officer's visit, I have the following comments:

As you are aware, there has been correspondence between us to establish which tree from the TPO corresponds with the Beech proposed for felling (your GC012208), partly as a result of our consultant identifying the tree as a Hornbeam (using your photo), hence the suggestion that it may be T8 Hornbeam of the TPO. We have been unable to establish the correct situation via email, however it is clear that we are both referring to the same tree and that felling is warranted, hence the wording of the approval below.

I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

Approved tree works

- Sycamore (your GC012217; T21 of TPO) - remove basal and epicormic growth to 2.5m above ground level.
 - Beech or Hornbeam (your GC012208 - T7 or T8 of TPO) - Fell to ground level.
- Officer notes: The Council has confirmed the tree has defects present around the roots and early indications of root instability. Due to the constraints of the site, the Borough Council considers it would not be appropriate to condition replacement planting on this occasion.*

For clarity, the tree in question is:

Your photo:



Arb consultant photo:



The intended Ivy severance and removal to 1.5m to the following TPO trees is noted:
Beech (your GC012209; T7 of TPO?)
Ash (your GC012212; T15 of TPO)
Yew (your GC012214; T16 of TPO)

Conditions

1. 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

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. 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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Natural Environment Officer

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