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14th October 2019

Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bukys,

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO A LIME TO THE FRONT OF 3 PARK CRESCENT PROTECTED AS
T3 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 99/05**

I write to you in response to your tree works application dated 14th May 2019 regarding the above.

You have applied to crown-lift the Lime tree at the front of your property by approximately 3m to suitable growing points and to remove deadwood because of excessive shading and dangerous bulky deadwood over the existing drive.

Having viewed the tree to assess the proposed crown lift, it is not clear whether the proposed tree work would potentially require the removal or shortening of one or more larger branches in the lower canopy. Cutting larger branches would create large open wounds adjacent to the tree trunk which would act as a potential entry point for decay pathogens.

In view of this and as per my emails of 19th August and 30th September 2019, your tree works specification may potentially cause harm to the tree and has been refused.

An alternative tree works specification has been approved subject to the conditions below. This tree work will allow a reasonable reduction of the tree's canopy (to include pruning to clear the overhead wires and property) whilst keeping all pruning cuts smaller than 80mm for the benefit of tree health.

Approved works to T3 (Lime)

- Crown lift branches to give 6m clearance above ground level using suitable pruning points- pruning cuts not to exceed 80mm. This work is proposed to clear phone lines and create reasonable clearance to property.
- Selectively reduce extended lateral branches by 2-3m using suitable pruning points back into a compact canopy outline as shown in the annotated photos.
- Remove deadwood (consent not required).

Whilst you have the contractors on site, it would also be sensible to ask them to inspect the tree fork to check there are no problems which might not be visible from ground level.

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

2. 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 wish to appeal against the Council's refusal of consent or against any of the conditions attached to your consent, please contact the Planning Inspectorate within 28

days of receipt of this letter to obtain the relevant forms:

The Environment Appeals Team
Trees and Hedges
The Planning Inspectorate
Room 3/25, Hawk Wing
Temple Quay House
2 The Square
Temple Quay
Bristol
BS1 6PN

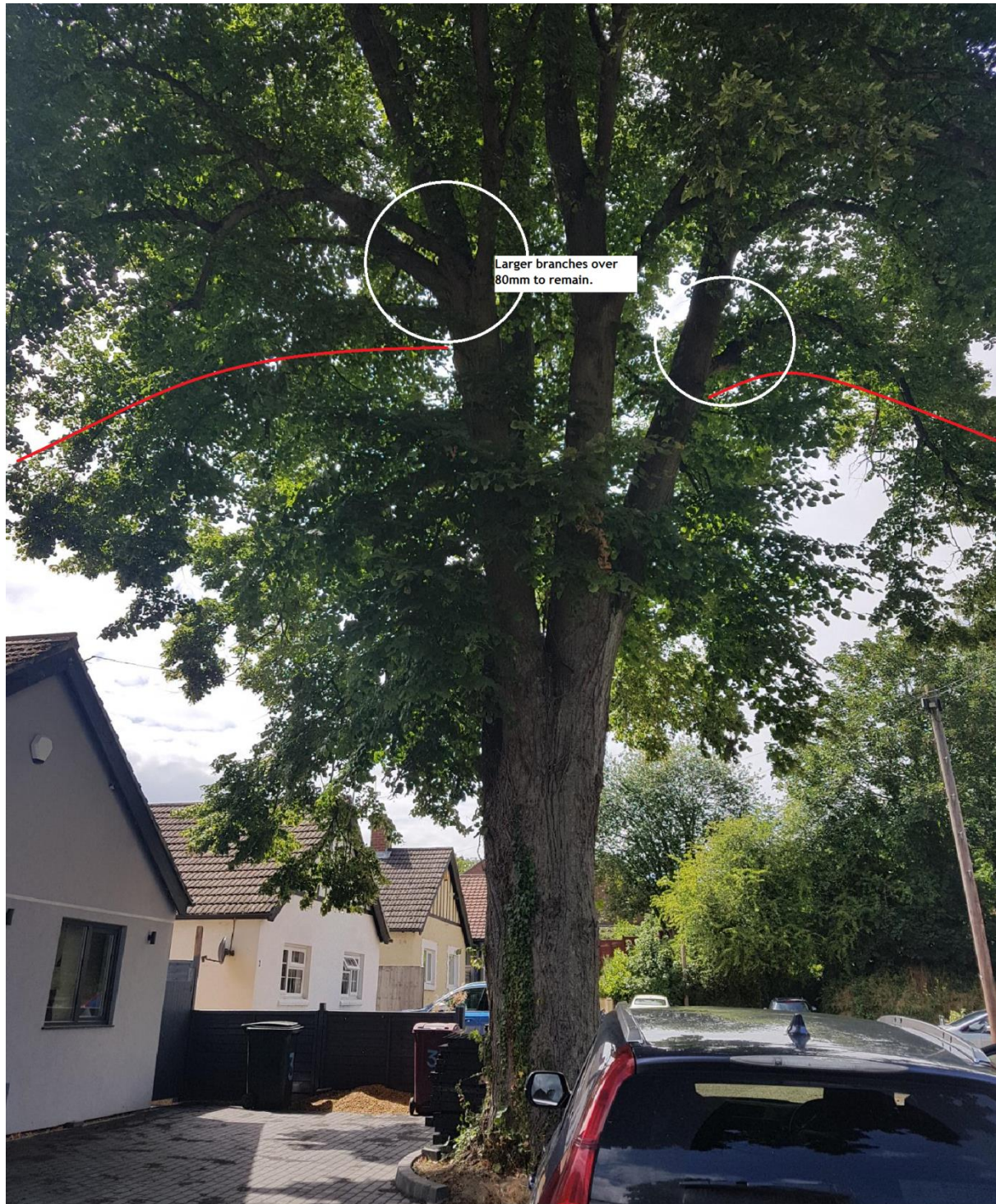
Email: environment.appeals@pins.gsi.gov.uk
Tel: 0303 444 5584

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.

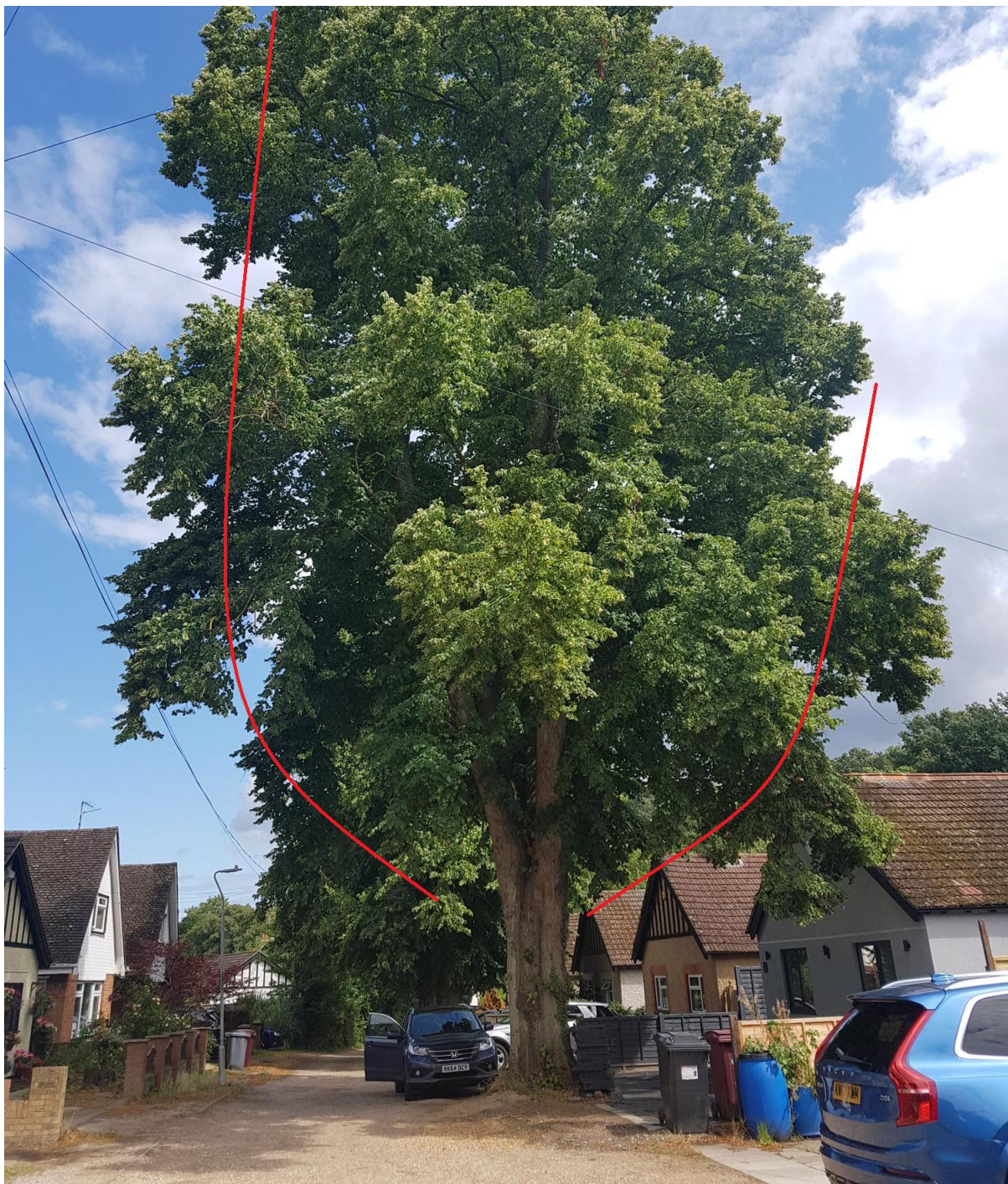
If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Duckworth
Consultant Assistant Natural Environment Officer



1) Permitted canopy lift



2) Permitted lateral canopy reduction.