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Sarah Hanson, Planning

Dear Ms. Alexander,

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT 6 MAIWAND GARDENS, TILEHURST, READING -  
SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 30/06.**

Thank you for your application of 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022, regarding the above.

Further to the Council's Arboricultural Consultant's visit on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

Approved Tree Works:

T1 - Birch

- Reduce crown by approximately 1.5-2m to nearest suitable reduction points.

Officer Notes:

Please note that Reading Borough Council will not usually consent to the entire canopy reduction of a protected tree unless there is a substantial health and safety justification for the work. However, on this occasion, the Council has noted that the protected Birch tree is in decline and that the proposed reduction of T1 (Birch) is appropriate to reduce declining branches back to sound wood. The proposed work is a light reduction which will not significantly harm the wider amenity of the tree.

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. 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 - January 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.

### 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](mailto: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.

**Please ensure your client receives a copy of this letter without undue delay.**

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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