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Your contact is:

Andrei Nazare, Planning

Dear Ms Macdonald,

**RE: PROPOSED FELLING OF ONE CHERRY TREE AT 69 HAMILTON ROAD, READING -
SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for your notification of 14th February 2022, regarding the above.

Further to your e-mail exchange with my colleague Sarah Hanson and the photographs received on 14th February 2022, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Cherry tree - fell to ground

You stated the reason for felling is a poor union approximately 5ft high on the trunk which is highly likely to cause limb failure. The photographs confirm this assessment and show the poor form of the tree as well as potential decay at the union, meaning it is not suitable for a Tree Preservation Order and its felling is agreeable.

The Council is encouraging replacement planting for all felled trees in order to help reach the Tree Strategy's objectives to increase canopy cover in the Borough, to mitigate climate change effects (reducing heat island effect, rain-water runoff, air and noise pollution) as well as to maintain amenity value on the property and in the wider area. If your client decides to plant a replacement, I advise them to avoid another Cherry tree as this genus is overrepresented in the Borough. As per the Tree Strategy and Biodiversity Action Plan, we are encouraging planting of trees that are either native or provide wildlife value for biodiversity benefits.

The agreed works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 28th March 2022.

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

Informatives

1. 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'.

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,

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