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Your contact is: Sarah Hanson, Planning, Development & Regulatory Services

Dear Mr Wilson

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE ASH TREE AT 44 LONDON ROAD ('THE ACACIAS') AND TWO TREES ON THE UNIVERSITY LONDON ROAD CAMPUS, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 3 October 2022, relating to the above.

Further to my site meeting of 21 October with Rupert Taylor, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work, as amended on site to include two additional trees:

- Ash tree on Redlands Road boundary (your T3) - fell
The tree is not worthy of a Tree Preservation Order due to the presence of Ash Dieback, with its location resulting in the tree presenting an unacceptable risk. Felling is therefore a reasonable course of action.
- Mulberry (east side of the Great Hall) - crown lift to provide 2m clearance above the footpath and prune to provide 1m clearance from the cloister roof
- Magnolia (south side of L14) - prune to provide 2m clearance above the roof of the adjacent building and cloister

I note the replanting intentions, which are positive in assisting with the aims of our Tree Strategy, to avoid canopy cover loss.

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

No works should be carried out within 6 weeks of the date of your notice, i.e. before 14 November 2022.

Informatives

1. 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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C.c. Rupert Taylor, University of Reading