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Your contact is:

Sarah Hanson, Planning

Dear Mr. Arnold,

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT DELLWOOD PARK, CAVERSHAM, READING, RG4 7NX, READING - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 14/15.**

Thank you for your application dated 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 which was validated on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022, and supporting Schedule of Tree Works dated 11 January 2022, regarding the above.

Further to the Council's Tree Consultant's (Sarah Duckworth) visit on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

Approved Tree Works

T1,2 Yew: (T13&14 on the TPO).

- Reduce the overhanging canopy over the highway back to the kerb edge.
- Sever the Ivy at 1.5m and remove to ground level.

T3 Purple Beech: (T20 on the TPO).

- Lift the crown to a height above ground level of 2.5m all round (Please note the requirements of Condition 1 - below).

T4 Sweet Chestnut: (T18 on the TPO).

- Selective prune to give 1-2m clearance to the roof and gutter of car port.
- Prune to give 1m clearance to the building (car port) for maintenance

## Conditions

1. All tree surgery shall be in accordance with BS 3998: (2010) Tree Work - Recommendations. For the avoidance of doubt, the permitted canopy lift to T3 (Purple Beech) allows a reduction or removal of smaller secondary branches and branch tips only which will be reduced or removed back to source - as appropriate, to avoid leaving stub cut branches. In all cases, pruning cuts shall not exceed 50mm diameter.

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

4. Tree work consents on land not owned by the applicant: It is strongly recommended that the owner of the tree be advised of any proposed works. The owner's permission must be sought if the tree works involve work past the boundary line. This consent does not in any way imply that this Council has informed the owner of sought permission or will condone the use of consents to force any landowner to grant such permission.

5. Prior to the severing of well-established Ivy at the base of the tree, it would be prudent to carry out an assessment of whether any of the stems of the Ivy are forming a natural brace above a suspected bark-included union

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.

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

Yours sincerely

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