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Your contact is:

Andrei Nazare, Planning

Dear Mr. Wastle,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TWO FALSE ACACIA TREES AT 23A QUEENSBOROUGH DRIVE, READING - T3 AND T4 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 77/09.

Thank you for your application of 4th January 2020, regarding the above.

I can confirm that the following proposed works, as clarified in the e-mail exchange of 11th January 2021, are approved subject to the conditions below, with reference to the subsequent annotated photographs:

- 2 x Robinia pseudoacacia (False acacia). (T4 of TPO, T1 on application and T3 of TPO, T2 on application) - Reduce lateral spread towards no. 23A by a maximum of 2m to suitable secondary growth points/close to previous pruning points, tapering into height, leaving a balanced and flowing crown

I note the proposed works aim to provide clearance to the building at no. 23A and are of appropriate extent for the scope intended, therefore the council regards them reasonable.

The application mentions two adjacent, same species trees that present '*excessive Ivy coverage limiting visual ground-based inspection*'. It would be prudent to sever the Ivy, allowing it to die off, in order to reduce the detrimental impact on the trees, avoid the 'sail area' that Ivy creates and to allow inspection in the future.

	
T1, red line denotes approx. reduction to previous points	T2, red line denotes approx reduction to previous points

Conditions

1. Five days' notice in writing shall be given to the Council prior to undertaking the approved works.

Reason: To ensure that the Local Planning Authority is given sufficient notice of the works to enable the effective monitoring of tree work within the Borough.

2. 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

3. 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. It is best to avoid works in the period immediately before or during bud burst and leaf fall to minimise the effect on the long-term health of the tree

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 wish to appeal against any of the conditions attached to this consent, please contact the Planning Inspectorate within 28 days of receipt of this letter to obtain the relevant forms:

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

Yours sincerely,

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