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26th November 2021

Your contact is:

Lee Garner, Planning

Dear Mr Wastle,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TWO LIME TREES WITHIN THE REAR GARDEN OF 28 RIDGE HALL CLOSE, CAVERSHAM, READING - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 1/09.

Thank you for your application dated 5th November 2021, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on the 9th November 2021, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

2 x Lime (Within W1 of TPO 1/09)

- Selectively prune by undertaking a height reduction of 3 metres (not to cut beyond previous pollard points) and balance remaining crown by reducing canopy spread by up to 2 metres (measured from outer most edge of canopy (see attached annotated photo 1)).
- Also, remove epicormic growth from the main trunk up to the crown break/bowl, ensuring they are removed by use of hand tools i.e. pull saw, to limit the potential damage to outer bark of the tree.

The trees were both noted to be outwardly healthy individuals that have history of pollarding/reduction works. It is important to maintain cyclical reductions (on average 3-5 years) in order to maintain the regrowth in order to reduce the potential of branch failure. When undertaking heavy reduction/pollarding works, the re-growth produced in response to the works have a weaker branch attachment than typical branch growth, this exposes these branches to failure if allowed to grow too large.

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. 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.

4. 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

Informative(s)

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. 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 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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E-mail it to: treeandhedgeappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

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

Yours sincerely

Lee Garner

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Photo 1 - Showing outer most edge in which to measure from