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Your contact is:

Andrei Nazare, Planning

Dear Dr. Chatterjee,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE CEDAR TREE AND ONE PINE TREE AT 3 LANCASTER CLOSE, READING - T6 AND, RESPECTIVELY, T7 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 154/01.

Thank you for your application of 4th May 2021, regarding the above.

Further to my colleague Sarah Hanson's visit on 7th May 2021, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as discussed and agreed on site, are approved subject to the conditions below:

- 1x Cedar (T6 of TPO) - crown clean (removal of dead, dying, low vigour, crossing/rubbing branches);
- 1x Pine (T7 of TPO) - crown clean (removal of dead, dying, low vigour, crossing/rubbing branches), reduce two lowest branches overhanging rear garden of 4 Lancaster Close back to appropriate growing points approximately in line with the boundary

In relation to the Cedar I understand that you discussed the extensive Ivy with Sarah, which you have sensibly severed at its base; the tree now being covered with dead Ivy. As advised, it would be prudent to have the tree inspected, especially given the branch failure you mentioned to Sarah, which will require the removal of Ivy to assist this, i.e. so that the trunk, branches and particularly the branch unions can be inspected.

Regarding your request for advice on choosing a tree surgeon, please see the guidance on doing so on our website: www.reading.gov.uk/trees

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

4. Crown cleaning should not include the removal of fused natural braces (branches or stems), or the removal of entwining branches or rubbing branches (where they may be forming a natural brace) from the crown of a semi-mature to fully mature tree without carrying out an assessment of any junctions formed below such natural braces.

Reason: Removal of natural braces may lead to failure of weak unions.

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.

Appeal

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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Temple Quay House
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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,

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