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Andrei Nazare, Planning

Dear Mr. Turner,

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE SYCAMORE TREE AT 2B TILEHURST ROAD, READING -
SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for your notification of 11th January 2021, regarding the above.

Further to the e-mail exchange of 11th January 2021 and with reference to the Council's formal reply to tree works application ref. 152154 of 22nd December 2015, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Sycamore - fell

I note that this tree was subject to a previous notification of works that lead to a site visit and inspection of the tree, as well as attracted a number of comments from the neighbours, compiled under documentation for application 152154 of December 2015. The notification was not acted upon within the 2 years before the decision lapsed. Therefore, the considerations put forward in the Council's formal reply of 22nd December 2015 for application 152154 still apply, as described below:

When a notice of tree felling in a conservation area is received, the Council are only able to object to the felling by making a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). In order to do this, the tree must meet certain criteria to make it worthy of a TPO. In this case, an inspection of the tree, back in 2015 for application 152154, has highlighted the presence of a tight,

bark included fork between the two main stems. This growth form can result in the two stems splitting apart at some (undefined) point as the tree grows, particularly if the tree's size, hence weight of the limbs, is not managed.

In conclusion, I can confirm the tree is not worthy of a TPO on arboricultural grounds and no objection to its felling can be made.

In order to mitigate the impact of climate change, maintain or increase canopy cover throughout the borough, reduce air pollution and heat islanding effects, the Council encourages replacement planting for all lost trees. By provisioning, voluntarily, replacement planting for the felled tree, the applicant futureproofs the availability of a healthy tree stock for generations to come.

The agreed works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 22nd February 2021.

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

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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