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Andrei Nazare, Planning

Dear Mr. Honour,

RE: PROPOSED FELLING OF 1 APPLE TREE AND 3 BAY TREES AT 38 THE MOUNT, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your notification of 12th August 2021, regarding the above.

Further to your e-mail and the submitted photographs, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- 1 Apple tree - fell
- 3 bay trees - fell

You stated that you wish to fell the trees because the apple tree is leaning onto the boundary wall, is overgrown with ivy and is overhanging the neighbouring gardens; the bay trees have grown too close to the wall and larger than it is manageable to maintain. They also shade a Japanese maple tree which you wish to retain. The photographs and description confirm that none of the trees are worthy of a TPO, therefore felling is acceptable.

The Council is encouraging replacement planting for all felled trees in order to help reach the Tree Strategy's objectives to increase canopy cover in the Borough, to mitigate climate change effects (reducing heat island effect, rain water runoff, air and noise pollution) as well as to maintain amenity value on the property and in the wider area.

You propose replanting the apple tree, which is positive. Please consider choosing a location that will provide enough space for the tree to grow in without causing any future

conflict with buildings, walls or neighbouring properties.

The agreed works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 23rd September 2021.

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

Informatives

1. 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'.

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 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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