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12th October 2021

Your contact is:

Lee Garner, Planning

Dear Mrs Bowen,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 4 LIMES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF 80 HIGHMOOR ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 65/002.

Thank you for your application dated the 27th September 2021 and email of 28 September 2021 clarifying the proposed works to the above trees.

Further to my visit on the 11th October 2021, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

Limes x 4 (Within G1 of TPO 65/002)

- Re-pollard by removing all new growth back to previous pollard knuckle and crown lift by removing epicormic growth up to 5.5 metres above ground level.

Approval to re-pollard the trees was last given in October 2015. Maintaining the pollards is important as the new growth has relatively weak branch attachment compared to normal branches and is prone to failure if allowed to grow too large. The timings of the works is important to ensure pruning stress is kept to the minimum (See condition 3) .

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

Yours sincerely

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