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Your contact is:

Lee Garner, Planning

Dear Mr White,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO AN ASH AND AN OAK TO WITHIN REAR OF BRAMLEY, UPPER WARREN AVENUE, CAVERSHAM, READING - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 319.

Thank you for your application date 14th November 2021, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on the 22nd November 2021, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

Oak (Designated as T1 within application)

- Selectively prune the canopy by reducing the crown by 50% (no further than the red line noted within attached annotated photo).

Ash (Designated as T2 within application)

- Fell to a 3-4 metre monolith (habitat stand)

During the site visit I noted that the Ash tree (T2) to be displaying significant signs of crown dieback, with cause being unknown. Removing the tree's canopy and retaining as a monolith will abate safety concerns, given its proximity to the road and also retain some standing timber in the woodland for local wildlife.

The Oak Tree (T1) has been physically suppressed by the Ash (T2), which has resulted in a significant growth bias of the Oaks crown over the highway. Reducing this tree is appropriate management, as its growth habit is not sustainable and would create issues in

the future.

As an individual, the oak is not considered to have high amenity value tree and the heavy reduction works permitted will not distract from the amenity which the woodland provides. However, it is positive that the tree will remain in situ and allowed to grow into its new form.

The monolith works highlighted for the Ash are deemed as a felling operation and therefore the woodland will benefit from a replacement planting in-line with requirements of TPO legislation. Concerns have been raised by the applicant and tree owner, as previous tree plantings have failed within the site. However, giving consideration to the site conditions, re-planting an understory species, such as Hazel, Holly or Hawthorn, of a suitable size (whip) would allow the tree to establish itself and will require less human intervention. Whip sized trees are able to establish themselves within the given environment as they do not have a huge rootstock to have to initially sustain. It would be appropriate for suitable (preferably biodegradable) mammal protection put in place to protect the tree.

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. Following the felling of the Ash tree authorised by this consent, a "whip" tree selected from the following species is required as a replacement:

Hawthorn, Holly or Hazel

The tree shall be planted within a 5m radius of the felled tree (within the woodland) during the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of the felling of the tree, whichever is soonest.

Planting should be carried out in accordance with clause 10 (Planting) of BS 8545:2014 'Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape - Recommendations'

Should the replacement tree be removed, die or become severely damaged or seriously diseased, all within 5 years of planting, it shall be replaced by a tree of a similar size and species to that originally planted. Modifications to the requirements of this condition

must be agreed in writing with Reading Borough Council Natural Environment Team.

PLEASE NOTE: The requirement to replant is the responsibility of the tree owner even if the application was submitted by another person.

Reason: To retain the present visual amenity value of the area and ensure continuity of tree coverage.

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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Room 3A Eagle Wing
Temple Quay House
2 The Square
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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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Applicants annotated photo (to be pruned between red and blue lines)