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7th September 2021

Your contact is:

Lee Garner, Planning

Dear Mr Esslemont,

**RE: PROPOSED REMOVAL OF ONE OAK TREE WITHIN THE REAR GARDEN OF 7A
DELLWOOD PARK, CAVERSHAM, READING - T5 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER
25/07.**

Thank you for your application of the 1st July 2021 and your subsequent email on the 14th of July highlighting your observations, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on the 6th September 2021, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

Oak (T5 of TPO 25/07)

- Fell to ground level.

The tree provide high amenity value, as was established through the dismissed appeal against the Council's refusal to fell the tree in 2019. It is unfortunate that a tree that provides significant amenity is lost due to reasons of poor health and condition, however we accept that it is essential to address the safety concern that this tree presents to the home owner and their neighbours.

During my visit it was evident that a substantial part of the tree's crown had died. Notable lesions were seen on the main trunk and effected area within the crown. This tree has been seen by Reading Borough Council tree team 2 years previous and was not displaying the visual decline and lesions that we now see. The speed in which this tree has declined is significant and indicates underlying issues.

The symptoms that the tree is presenting (decline & lesions) indicates that the tree is likely to be suffering from acute oak decline. It is therefore advised that the Tree Surgeon makes himself familiar with advice given by the Forest Research with regards to biosecurity e.g. waste disposal and possible notification requirements. See the following for further information:

[Chronic oak decline . - Forest Research](#)

In order to help maintain tree cover within the area it is important that a suitable replacement (see condition 4) is planted.

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. Following the felling of the tree (s) authorised by this consent, it is required that a replacement tree of a minimum 10-12cm girth and 3m in height is planted within the garden of 7a Dellwood Park; the location and species of which is to be formally agreed by Reading Borough Council Natural Environment Team prior to planting.

The tree(s) shall be planted during the planting season (**Nov-March**) following or at the time of the felling of the trees, 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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Bristol
BS1 6PN

Telephone: 0303 444 5570

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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