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Your contact is:

Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mr Arnold

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TREES AT 5 CHRISTCHURCH GARDENS, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your Notice of 21 May 2021 regarding the above. Your Notice includes works to T1 Cherry, T2 Amelanchier, T3 Plum/Jasmine, T4 Bay and T5 Eucalyptus.

During my site visit of 23 June 2021, it became apparent that the trees present and the work desired was not quite as per your Notice. Hence, I discussed desired tree works with your client and your Notice was amended on site.

I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work with reference to the revised site plan and photos attached for clarity:

- T1 & T2 Lilac - fell. Both are close to the wall.
- T3 - fell due to close proximity to the rear corner of the building, i.e. it's long term future is unsustainable
- T4 (rear of shed) - prune to give 0.5-1m clearance from shed (N.B. this refers to ensuring clearance above the shed not vertically from the shed)
- T5 Purple Plum - remove dead wood
- T6 Eucalyptus - fell - poor specimen
- T7 Cherry - reduce in height and lateral spread by approx. 1m back to suitable growing points and remove deadwood and pruning stubs. [reduction is appropriate to ensure clearance from overhead wires].

The agreed works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 2 July 2021.

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

In view of the aims of our Tree Strategy to increase canopy cover across the Borough and given the importance of tree within conservation areas, your client is encouraged to consider replacement planting within the curtilage in the 2021-2022 planting season.

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

Sarah Hanson

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