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Your contact is:

Andrei Nazare, Planning

Dear Mr. Torres,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 1 YEW TREE AND 2 HOLLY TREES AT 47 CHURCH ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your notification of 2nd August 2021, regarding the above.

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

- 1x Yew tree and 2x Holly trees - topping/reducing height to the level of the pollard knuckle of the nearby Lime tree.

Your proposal to top the Yew and Holly trees is intended to reduce their height in line with the knuckle of the Lime tree, which will provide a regulated aspect of the green screen between your property and Church Road and is acceptable.

However, please be aware that once you carry out this reduction, their natural form will be lost and regrowth will need to be managed. This will lead to more frequent and costly maintenance to maintain the form (while the current natural form does not require much intervention). It is advisable that you seek advice from a professional tree surgeon to carry out the works in a balanced manner to retain an aesthetically pleasing shape to the trees.

You did not reply to my enquiry about including pollarding the Lime tree in this notice. This tree is managed as a pollard and the frequency of the pollarding should ideally be every 3-5 years in order to maintain appropriately manage the regrowth. Our records

show that the last notice for pollarding the tree was in March 2017, therefore you should plan for another intervention sooner rather than later.

The agreed works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 13th 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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