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Your contact is: Andrei Nazare, Planning

Dear Mr. Gibb,

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE APPLE TREE AT 15 DOWNSHIRE SQUARE, READING -
SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for your tree works Notice of 10 January 2020 regarding the above tree.

Further to your submitted photographs and e-mail exchange of 11th January 2021 with my colleague Sarah Hanson, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Apple tree on the rear garden lawn - remove crossing shoots, reduce water shoots (epicormic growth) growing lower down on the main branches, trim back last year's growth by up to 20cm and remove diseased and/or damaged wood.

I note that, given the age of the tree, it is acceptable to carry out maintenance works on the crown at regular intervals so the tree uses its resources only on important branches and on producing fruit.

The agreed works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 21st February 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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