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Andrei Nazare, Planning

Dear Mr. White,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT 37 UPPER REDLANDS ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your notification of 22nd November 2020, regarding the above.

Further to my colleague Sarah Hanson's site visit of 5th January 2021 and subsequent e-mail clarification I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Aesculus spp. (T1) - crown raise over road and reduce overhang, removing only small/secondary branches back to appropriate growth points (as per your annotated photo)
- Yew (T2) - crown reduction, removing up to 0.5m branch length and crown lift to 2.75m above pavement
- Wych elm (T3) - crown reduction, approximately 3m in height
- Purple plum (T4) - reduction to a final height of approximately 3m
- Shrub (T6) - removal of dead limb and crown reduction of 10-20%
- Prunus spp. (T7) - prune to give minimum 1m clearance to streetlight and wires

It is worth mentioning the proposed reduction of the Purple plum means cutting beyond previous reduction points and could result in additional stress for the tree as a response to a larger proportion of its foliage being reduced, as well as reduced resistance to

pathogens through wounds. Therefore, the tree's response to such an extensive reduction may not be favourable.

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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