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Andrei Nazare, Planning

Dear Mr. Loudon,

RE: PROPOSED FELLING OF ONE DOUGLAS FIR AT 274 KIDMORE ROAD, READING - T1 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 151/06.

Thank you for your application of 7th April 2021, regarding the above.

Further to my colleague Sarah Hanson's visit on 8th April 2021, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

- 1x Douglas fir (T1) - Fell

The poor condition of the tree was noted during the visit, and it is expected that root damage has occurred over the years contributing to its decline. Fungal mycelium were noted between two buttresses, although no fungal fruiting bodies were evident at the time of the visit.

Condition 3 below requires a replacement tree in order to meet with our Tree Strategy and climate change aims. However, we recognise that a replacement Douglas fir is unlikely to be feasible on the frontage given the limited space within the raised bed. There are two options 1) plant a smaller tree, if one can be accommodated, on the frontage within this raised soft bed or 2) plant a replacement tree of similar stature to

the Douglas fir in the rear garden. The condition is left open in order that discussion can take place on this.

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. Following the felling of the Douglas fir (T1 of TPO 151/06) authorised by this consent, one replacement tree, of a minimum 10-12cm girth and 3 metres in height shall be planted within the curtilage of the property during the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of the felling of the tree, whichever is soonest. The species shall be agreed with the Council prior to purchase and planting.

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.

Informatives

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. 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'.

3. 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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If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely,

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