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Your contact is:

Sarah Hanson, Planning

Dear Ms Pope

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE COPPER BEECH TREE AT BAILIFFS COTTAGE, THE
BROOKMILL, READING - T1 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 23/12.**

Thank you for your application of 29 September 2020, regarding the above.

During my visit I also discussed additional work with your client to crown lift the tree to give greater clearance above ground level, to include one low branch overhanging the shed, the end of which is touching the boundary wall. We agreed to add crown lifting to 4m to the application and I will leave you and your client to consider if any branches lower than this are to be retained on the perimeter to maintain screening/privacy.

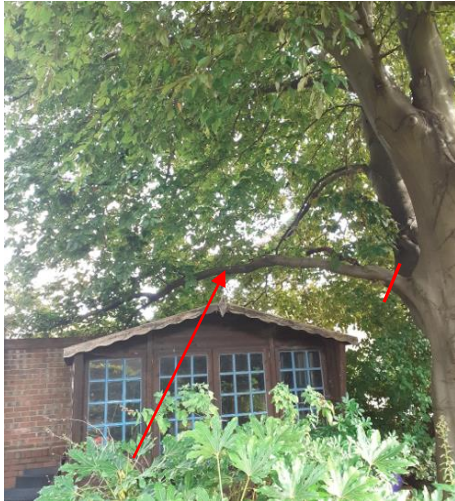
Further to my visit on 7 October 2020, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your amended application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

- Crown lift to 4m above ground level by tip reduction and removal of secondary and tertiary branches only with the exception of the inclusion of one main branch over the shed, the end of which is touching the wall (refer to photo below); Crown reduce by a maximum of 2-2.5m, ensuring a flowing crown line is maintained; crown thin by 20%

The crown is uneven and includes some overextended branches. The crown reduction should focus on those overextended branches to bring the crown spread in, rather than reducing all branches as this may be unnecessary, i.e. a 2-2.5m reduction is unlikely to be necessary on all branches hence reduction length will vary over the crown in order

to create a flowing crown line. An exception to that would be the branches growing towards and over the property where the reduction is reasonable to provide greater clearance.

The intended removal of dead and diseased wood is noted.



Low main branch to be removed as part of crown lifting

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. The approved canopy reduction shall be undertaken in mid-late Summer (July - September) when the tree's energy reserves are at their height or during the Winter months of December - January during the period of dormancy.

Reason: Taking into account the tree's phenological cycle and in order to avoid any unnecessary detriment to the tree as a result of the pruning work.

4. Climbing spikes shall not be used whilst undertaking any form of works on living trees, except on trees to be felled.

Reason: Spikes can cause extensive long-term damage

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:

The Environment Appeals Team, The Planning Inspectorate, Room 3/25, Hawk Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN

Email: environment.appeals@pins.gsi.gov.uk
Tel: 0117 372 8192

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

Yours sincerely

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