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Andrei Nazare, Planning

Dear Mrs. Harvey,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE SYCAMORE, ONE HORNBEAM AND A GROUP OF VARIOUS TREES AT OSBERT HOUSE, NOTLEY PLACE, EMMER GREEN, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your notification of 28th January 2021, regarding the above.

Further to my colleague Sarah Hanson's site visit on 18th March 2021 and the work specifications you submitted, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Various (predominantly Bay; G1 on application) - Reduce height by approximately 2m to shape, remove major deadwood (over 40mm diameter), and cut back to car park/road edge
- Sycamore (T7) - Fell stems touching/growing around fence as close to tree's current ground level as possible and leave the stump in the ground
- Hornbeam (T8) - Reduce crown by approximately 1m all round and lift to 4m over road

During the site visit it came to my colleague's attention that two branches of the T8 Hornbeam are growing close or already touching the metal fence and one is low over the brick pillar, therefore the removal of these branches is reasonable as part of the crown lifting, as shown on the annotated photograph below.

It was also noted that no sound arboricultural reason was provided for the crown reduction of the Hornbeam (T8) and there appeared to be no sound reason why the size of the tree needed to be 'managed', therefore I would encourage you and your client to consider the necessity of this.

The agreed works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 11th March 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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