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Your contact
is: Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Wilson

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE OAK TREE AT 30 NORTHCOURT AVENUE, READING -
SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 18/12.**

Thank you for your application of 28 January 2020, regarding the above.
Further to your pre-application, reference 191294/PREAPP, I can confirm that the
following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the
conditions below:

- Crown lift on the south, east and north sides only to a maximum of 1m above the height of the bat box, removing secondary growth only and not creating wounds over 100mm in diameter.
- Reduce the furthest extent of the canopy on the north side (overhanging the rear garden of 28a) by approximately 2m as indicatively shown below:



The intention to remove 'major' deadwood (as defined in your application) is noted.

I note that no works are proposed to the canopy on the west side over Weardale Close.

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. This decision is valid for two years from the date of this notice after which the consent lapses

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

5. The works hereby approved shall not be carried out in the period immediately before or during bud burst and leaf fall.

Reason: To avoid harm to the future health of the tree.

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 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

Sarah Hanson

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Natural Environment Officer

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