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Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Bradley

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE OAK TREE AT 1B THICKET ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 203/07.

Thank you for your application of 29 June 2020, regarding the above, and email of 29 June 2020 with annotated photographs.

Further to my visit on 8 June 2020, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

- T1 Oak - remove lower epicormic growth and 4 low branches as indicated in the application photographs. Note that 1 of these branches is twin re-growth from the same larger branch stub - the removal of these should be back to the stub rather than removal of the stub back to the trunk as indicated below:



Twin branch (counting as 1 branch on application) to be removed - each to be reduced back to point of origin, not back to trunk. Branch in question is third one up from the ground as shown on application photos

The intended removal of dead wood is noted.

Conditions

1. 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

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

3. 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. 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

3. It is best to avoid works in the period immediately before or during bud burst and leaf fall to minimise the effect on the long-term health of the tree

4. Tree work consents on land not owned by the applicant: It is strongly recommended that the owner of the tree be advised of any proposed works. The owner's permission must be sought if the tree works involve work past the boundary line. This consent does not in any way imply that this Council has informed the owner or sought permission or will condone the use of consents to force any landowner to grant such permission.

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

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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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