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Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mr Watson

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE FALSE ACACIA TREE AT 16 REDLANDS ROAD, READING -
SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for your tree works Notice of 30 September 2020 regarding the above.

I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Robinia (False acacia) in rear garden - fell due to failure of a main branch. The tree is not worthy of a Tree Preservation Order due to the damage caused to the remaining tree from the branch failure.

The agreed works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 11 November 2020.

This decision is valid for two years from the date of this letter, after which it lapses.

You may be aware that the Council declared a climate emergency last year and in response to that has revised its Tree Strategy (due to adoption later this year). One of our major aims is to increase canopy cover in the Borough, hence we would encourage landowners to plant at least one tree for every one they fell to help with the aims of the Strategy. As you will appreciate, trees within a conservation area also contribute to the character of the area, hence retaining that verdant nature by avoiding reduction in tree cover is important.

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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