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Andrei Nazare, Planning

Dear Mr. North,

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE RED OAK TREE AT 10 UPPINGHAM GARDENS, READING -  
SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 46/07.**

Thank you for your application of 13<sup>th</sup> February 2021, regarding the above.

Further to my colleague Sarah Hanson's visit on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

- Red Oak - overall crown reduction by a maximum of 4m; crown lift to 2.5m above the garden and 5.5m above the road by removal/reduction of secondary and tertiary branches only; removal of major dead wood.

The report of the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 inspection by Jack Nicholls-Sames records fruiting fungi bodies of *Abortiporus biennis* (Blushing rosette) in the proximity of the trunk, significant girdling roots, a fork at 2m with slight bark inclusion on the north-west side, as well as major dead wood and shaded limbs in the crown, therefore recommends crown reduction to reduce the risk of failure as a result of the defects noted and potential impact of the fungus.

I note the proposed works (reduction and branch removal) represent a significant proportion of the crown and, under normal circumstances, would be restricted by condition to periods of dormancy or when the tree's energy reserves are at their height

(Dec-Jan or July-Sept). However, given the defects noted and level of risk involved, carrying the works sooner would be reasonable but I do recommend it is done at the earliest possible convenience and before the buds burst to minimise the impact on the long-term health of the tree, which is already under stress (please note informative 4 below).

### 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. 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

4. 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.

5. Crown lifting of trees over the footpath and carriageway: If the clearance of vegetation overhanging the highway only involves the removal of branches to give a ground clearance to the statutory heights of 2.7m over the footpath and 5.5m over the road, this does not require formal consent from the Council. You are advised, however, to give notice to the Council of these intended works in order that they can be agreed.

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:

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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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