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Your contact is:

Andrei Nazare, Planning

Dear Mr. Loudon,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TWO OAK TREES AT 11 BLUEBELL GARDENS, EMMER GREEN, READING - T1 AND T2 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 68/04.

Thank you for your application of 17th March 2021, regarding the above.

Further to my colleague Sarah Hanson's visit on 22nd April 2021, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

- 2x Oak trees (T1 and T2 on TPO), taking the two as a one canopy:
 - Reduce selected elongated laterals: On eastern aspect by 2.25m, on south-eastern aspect by 2.25m, on south-western aspect by 1m
 - Lift canopy, to 3-3.5m, targeting sub branches only, with a maximum pruning wound diameter of 60mm.

The reduction of longer laterals is normally a concern where foliage is primarily on the ends of these branches, i.e. leading to concern about the future sustainability of the branch. However, in this case, it was noted that the branches had multiple minor/epicormic growth along their lengths, therefore the reduction is acceptable.

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

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

Reason: To minimise the effect on the long-term health of the tree.

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

Appeal

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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