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Your contact is: Andrei Nazare, Planning

Dear Mr. Wilson,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TWO SYCAMORE TREES AT THAMES VALLEY UNIVERSITY, READING - PART OF G4 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 93/09.

Thank you for your application of 16th December 2020, regarding the above.

Further to your e-mail exchange with my colleague Sarah Hanson, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below, with reference to annotated photographs:

1. Sycamore tree (part of G4 of TPO, T1 on application)
 - reduce branch by approximately 2.5m to give clearance to roof and air conditioning units
 - Remove 1 low limb on roadside
2. Sycamore tree (part of G4 of TPO, T2 on application)
 - Remove 2 low secondary branches on roadside

We accept the following information provided to support the proposed works:
The proposed works mitigate future conflict with the building, as it has recently been refurbished and fitted with new air conditioning units. Canopy to roof and A/C units clearance is required to avoid any debris falling into the fans. The pruning will only remove an estimated 5% of the total leaf area of the tree, therefore the loss of visual amenity will be minimal. Both trees are in good state of health and there is no foreseeable significant detrimental effect on their overall condition due to the approved works.



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

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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