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Dear Mr. Taylor,

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT MUSEUM OF ENGLISH RURAL LIFE, REDLANDS ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for your notification of 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021, regarding the above.

Further to my colleague Sarah Hanson's site visit of 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and with reference to the layout map submitted with the application, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

| Number | Species                  | Works required | Specification | Reasons for works                                         |
|--------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 04KF   | Fraxinus ornus           | Fell           | Ground Level  | Failing young tree                                        |
| 02BZ   | Chamaecyp. lawsoniana    | Fell           | Ground Level  | Inappropriate for site "Dwarf" Conifer out grown location |
| 04KQ   | Tilia cordata Greenspire | Lift Crown     | 2m            | Facilitate site usage                                     |
| 04KR   | Tilia cordata Greenspire | Lift Crown     | 2m            | Facilitate site usage                                     |
| 04KS   | Tilia cordata Greenspire | Lift Crown     | 2m            | Facilitate site usage                                     |
| 04KT   | Tilia cordata Greenspire | Lift Crown     | 2m            | Facilitate site usage                                     |
| 04KU   | Tilia cordata Greenspire | Lift Crown     | 2m            | Facilitate site usage                                     |

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| 04KV       | Tilia cordata Greenspire  | Lift Crown          | 2m                                                                                                                           | Facilitate site usage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 04KW       | Tilia cordata Greenspire  | Lift Crown          | 2m                                                                                                                           | Facilitate site usage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 04KX       | Tilia cordata Greenspire  | Lift Crown          | 2m                                                                                                                           | Facilitate site usage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 04KY       | Tilia cordata Greenspire  | Lift Crown          | 2m                                                                                                                           | Facilitate site usage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 04KZ       | Tilia cordata Greenspire  | Lift Crown          | 2m                                                                                                                           | Facilitate site usage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 02Q0       | Fagus sylvatica Purpurea  | Lift Crown          | 2m                                                                                                                           | Facilitate site usage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 04KL       | Acer platanoides          | Fell                | Ground Level                                                                                                                 | Extensive squirrel damage with crown failure - leader snapped out and hanging.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 02PR       | Fraxinus ornus            | Reduce Crown        | Reduce height and branch length by approximately 2m                                                                          | Trifurcation at approximately 2m with inclusion dead wood and rooting within union <i>Laietiporus</i> fruiting bodies present. Crown loaded west over sports facilities and where neighbour has cut back to boundary, cavities forming. Crown density thin and foliage small. Timber decayed at unions but appears sound beyond |
| 02PN Group | Ilex aquifolium, Laburnum | Fell marked trees   | Ground Level                                                                                                                 | Removal of poor-quality trees                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 02PP       | Acer platanoides          | Fell                | Ground level                                                                                                                 | Bifurcation at approximately 2m with inclusion removal would be better long term strategy as close to wall/new flood light. tree lopped back by neighbour                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 04L5 Group | Thuja plicata             | Fell                | Ground Level                                                                                                                 | 6x trees former hedge. Extensive die back in crown thought to be drought damage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 02PY       | Morus nigra               | Pruning requirement | Reduce propped lateral to approximately 1.5m. Reduce laterals SE 1-2m. Reduce height 150-200mm above previous pruning points | Crown management to reduce the risk of future failure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 00BJ       | Thuja plicata             | Fell                | Ground Level                                                                                                                 | 12x trees former hedge. Extensive die back in crown thought to be drought damage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 02PE       | Acer cappadocicum         | Remove Deadwood     | >25mm                                                                                                                        | Extensive squirrel damage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 02P9       | Acer pseudoplatanus       | Pruning requirement | Sucker Growth to 2m Remove Deadwood>25mm                                                                                     | Hazard reduction                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 02P7       | Acer pseudoplatanus       | Pruning requirement | Sucker Growth to 2m Remove Deadwood>25mm                                                                                     | Hazard reduction                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 02PS       | Fraxinus ornus            | Fell                | Ground Level                                                                                                                 | Sucker growth from stump                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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In order to mitigate the impact of climate change, maintain or increase canopy cover throughout the borough, reduce air pollution and heat islanding effects, and to maintain the character of the verdant conservation area, the council encourages replacement planting for all lost trees. This is a good opportunity to reverse the last couple of years' trend of reducing the tree stock on University of Reading land, albeit it is appreciated that not all applications/notices have been from the same land owning/managing department. By provisioning, voluntarily, replacement planting for all to-be felled trees, the applicant futureproofs the availability of a healthy tree stock for generations to come.

The agreed works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your

notification, i.e. before 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021.

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

### 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](mailto: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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