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8th June 2020

Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Ms. Drinkwater,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO A SCOTS PINE ON LAND TO THE FRONT OF 34 MONTPELIER DRIVE, READING - PROTECTED AS T3 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 58/001.

Thank you for your application dated 15th May 2020, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on 2nd June 2020, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

Approved Works

- T4 (Scots pine) - Remove 4 low hanging branches of pine tree at front of property growing over driveway. Please refer to attached annotated photograph (Fig.1)

This work is applied for as two branches recently fell from the tree in high winds. Furthermore, from my site visit, I note that branches from the tree are growing very low over the driveway of 34 Montpelier Drive.

Conditions

1. 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

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

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:

The Environment Appeals Team, The Planning Inspectorate, Room 3/25, Hawk Wing,
Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN

Email: environment.appeals@pins.gsi.gov.uk
Tel: 0117 372 8192

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely,



Sarah Duckworth
Consultant Assistant Natural Environment Officer



Figure 1 - Red lines indicate branches approved for removal under this consent