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Your contact is:

Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mr Sayer

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE (COUNCIL OWNED) CEDAR TREE IN JANSON COURT,  
ADJACENT TO 8 BATH ROAD - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for your Notification of 5 March 2020 regarding the above.

Your Notification proposed the following work:

- Remove dead wood, thin canopy by 15-20% and reduce by 1.5-2m

Your subsequent email of 10 March clarified the proposed works and the reasons for it. Following receipt of that email we have visited to assess the works and I have liaised with the Council's Tree Officer, Kevin Lee, who is responsible for maintaining the tree.

My email of 7 April suggested alternative works to the tree due to the Council's concerns about the works originally proposed. You confirmed via email on 9 April that you and your client were happy to amend the proposed works accordingly.

I can therefore confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Remove two pendulous lower branches on north and south side of canopy back to source. (please refer to attached annotated pictures)
- Reduce east side of canopy by 1-1.5m to give greater clearance from property.

- Crown clean removing dead / dangerous / dysfunctional branches.
- Crown lift outer branch tips by 1-1.5m to increase clearance above ground level.

The Council's Tree Officer has confirmed that he is happy for you to carry out these works to a Council tree but requests that you advise of the proposed date as far in advance as possible.

The works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 16 April 2020.

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)

3. Please ensure a minimum of 5 days notice of the intended date of works is provided

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

Yours sincerely

*Sarah Hanson*

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Natural Environment Officer

C.c. Kevin Lee, Tree Officer, RBC  
Lloyd Turner, Turner Estates