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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr. Wilson,

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT READING COLLEGE, KINGS ROAD, READING -
SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 93/09.**

Thank you for your application dated 4th May 2020, regarding the above.

I can confirm that the proposed tree works as detailed in your Arboricultural Survey Report are approved subject to the conditions below:

Approved Tree Works

- T38 (Hornbeam - within G5 of TPO 93/09) - Crown raise to 2.5m over parking bay
- T53 (Sycamore - within G4 in TPO 93/09) - reduce height from 15m to 12m. Reduce radial spread on north, south and west sides from 6 to 4m
- T54 (Sycamore - within G4 in TPO 93/09) - reduce height from 15m to 12m. Reduce radial spread north from 10m to 6m and south side from 7m to 6m.
- T57 (Sycamore - within G4 in TPO 93/09) - Prune to give 2m clearance from building.
- T65 (Sycamore - within G1 in TPO 93/09) - Reduce end weight of over-extended north-east limb by 3m.
- T68 (Lime - within G1 in TPO 93/09) - Removal basal epicormic growth back to main stem.
- T73 (London Plane - T3 of TPO 93/09) - Crown lift to give 6m clearance over the bus lane.
- T81 (Lime - T1 of TPO 93/09) - Reduce height and radial spread by 2-3m and remove epicormic growth back to main stem.

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.

2. The approved canopy reductions to T53 & T54 (Sycamores) and T81 (Lime) shall be undertaken in mid-late Summer (July - September) when the trees' energy reserves are at their height or during the Winter months of December - January during the period of dormancy.

Reason: Taking into account the tree's phenological cycle and in order to avoid any unnecessary detriment to the tree as a result of the pruning work.

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. Tree work consents on land not owned by the applicant: It is strongly recommended that the owner of the tree be advised of any proposed works. The owner's permission must be sought if the tree works involve work past the boundary line. This consent does not in any way imply that this Council has informed the owner of sought permission or will condone the use of consents to force any landowner to grant such permission.

5. Crown lifting of trees over the footpath and carriageway: If the clearance of vegetation overhanging the highway only involves the removal of branches to give a ground clearance to the statutory heights of 2.7m over the footpath and 5.5m over the road, this does not require formal consent from the Council. You are advised, however, to give notice to the Council of these intended works in order that they can be agreed.

6. Trees not considered to be protected by the current Tree preservation order: Work can be carried out to these trees without the formal consent from this Council.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SD' with a stylized flourish underneath.

Sarah Duckworth
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cc. Mr. Peter Curran, Facilities Manager at Activate Learning (via email)