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Andrei Nazare, Planning

Dear Mr. Richards,

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT WOODROW COURT, CAVERSHAM, READING -
SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for your Tree Works application of 20 October 2020 regarding the above.

Further to my site visit on 28th October 2020, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

1. 3x Conifer Trees
 - a. Height reduction by approximately 6ft, down to previous maintained height or reduce to ground level
2. Cherry tree
 - a. Crown reduction by approximately 15% (2ft) all around.

Notable mention for the conifer trees:

The trees seem have responded positively to previous pruning with healthy crown growth. Together they form an interesting group of healthy conifers and as such it would be a pity to fell them. I would encourage Housing 21 to retain the trees in view of our Tree Strategy aim to increase canopy cover in the Borough. If retained, crown lifting and selective branch reduction to provide better clearance around the path that passes under the trees could be considered. If felled, we would encourage Housing 21 to plant 3+ new trees to assist with the aims of our Tree Strategy and for the multiple benefits that trees provide.

Notable mention for the Cherry Tree:

It will benefit the smaller cherry tree next to it to be released from the current crown pressure put on it.

The agreed works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 1st December 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

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

Yours sincerely

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