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Andrei Nazare, Planning

Dear Mr. Nicholls-Sames,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE TREE OF HEAVEN, ONE EUCALIPTUS AND VARIOUS TREES AT 23 ELDON SQUARE, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your notification of 20th November 2020, regarding the above.

Further to my colleague Sarah Hanson's visit of 26th January 2021, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Ailanthus Altissima (Tree of heaven) Lift crown to 5.5m, remove major deadwood and cut back to suitable growth points to give 2m clearance from buildings, Overall crown reduction by 1.5m to maintain size and shape
- North boundary from the horizontal Eucalyptus to North East corner - Remove all trees and vegetation to ground level.
- Eucalyptus (on east boundary) - fell to ground level
- South raised planting - Remove all shrubs

With regards to the Tree of Heaven, as discussed on site: this tree appears to be under stress with a notable amount of dead wood in the crown and the majority of live growth on the branch ends. An overall reduction, thereby reducing a significant portion of the live (photosynthesising) growth is likely to have a detrimental impact on the future health of the tree. It would be prudent to confine the current pruning to that required to provide clearance from the property and for the tree to be re-assessed when in full leaf

to better determine the condition of the crown hence if any reduction is viable.

The agreed works can be carried out right away as the six weeks from the date of your notification have passed, i.e. before 1st January 2021.

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

Works to the Plane tree subject to TPO 150/05 are dealt with separately under application reference 201648.

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

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

Yours sincerely,

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