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Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mr Simmons

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT 88 & 90 HAMILTON ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your tree works notice of 12 October 2020 regarding the above.

Further to my site visit of 5 November 2020 I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work, which includes slight amendments as agreed on site with Mr Hogge:

Rear garden

- T1 Prunus (on north boundary) - remove largest limb closest to fence; pollard remaining canopy back to previous pollard points. *[N.B. the branch to be removed is of large diameter so it is recommended to leave a stub to avoid decay close to the main stem.]*
- T2 Bay (south boundary) - remove one stem growing closest to fence; reduce remaining canopy back to previous points
- T3 Apple (south boundary) - crown reduce by up to 1.5m
- T4 Holly (south boundary) - reshape by pruning extended growth
- G1 Laurel (within 90 Hamilton Road) - reduce height to 3-4m
- T5 Field maple (within 90 Hamilton Road) - reduce height by approximately 3m and reshape sides accordingly to leave a flowing crown shape
- T6 Cherry (within 90 Hamilton Road) - reduce overextended highest growth which

amounts to a height reduction of approximately 3m from the highest point.

- T7 Silver birch (within 90 Hamilton Road) - crown reduce by approximately 2m back to previous pruning points
- G2 mixed hedge (north boundary) - trim back overhang and top to leave a uniform shape

Front garden:

- T8 Box elder - re-pollard at previous pruning points
- G3 overhanging shrubs (within 90 Hamilton Road) - trim back to boundary fence line

In relation to the intended pollarding and reductions, please particularly note informative 3 below.

The agreed works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 23 November 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

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. 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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C.c. Mr M Hogge, 88 Hamilton Road