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Your contact is:

Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mrs Yuille

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT 2 BROWLOW ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your email of 19 June 2020 regarding the above.

During my site visit of 9 July 2020 we discussed the trees in question and agreed specific, appropriate work in order to clarify your tree works Notice.

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

- Magnolia (front garden) - crown lift to 3m above ground level; overall crown reduction of 0.5-1m,
- Cherry (front garden) - crown reduce focusing on longer, leggy laterals in order to create a well-shaped crown; crown lift to 2.75m above the pavement,
- Cherry (rear garden) - overall crown reduction of 0.5-1m to reshape,
- Plum (rear garden) - fell. Tree is dead - please note Informative 4 below,
- Tree adjacent to guinea pig hutch (rear garden) - reshape to create round crown
- Yew (rear garden of 4 Brownlow Road) - prune to back to boundary to provide clearance from 2 Brownlow Road

The works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 31 July 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. Under Section 213 (1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, a landowner is under a duty to replace a tree which is removed because it is dead or dangerous. The duty on the landowner is to plant another tree of an appropriate size and species at the same place as soon as he or she reasonably can.

In this case the Council would expect a replacement tree of a minimum 'standard' size (8-10cm girth and 2.75-3m high) to be planted in the rear garden in the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of felling, the species of which should be agreed with the Council.

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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