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Your contact is: Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Wharton

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES IN GIPSY LANE, REAR OF 3 POTTERY ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 2/16.

Thank you for your application of 29 June 2020, regarding the above, and accompanying Arboricultural Report.

Further to my visit on 8 July 2020, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

T1 Sycamore - Fell
T2 Goat Willow - Fell
T3 Crack Willow - Pollard (note condition 5)
T4 Goat Willow - Fell
T5 Goat Willow - Fell
T6 Goat Willow - Fell

The work will result in the loss of five trees rear of 3 Pottery Road, creating a gap in the woodland strip. In line with the objectives of our Tree Strategy (existing and revised), our need to respond to our climate emergency declaration and to maintain the wildlife corridor, replacement tree planting is required. However, we would not expect Willow to be planted and have specified a smaller than normal stock size. Each should be planted appropriately, mulched to minimise inevitable competition from weeds and will need to

be watered regularly for the first two growing seasons to aid establishment. Please note condition 6 below. The species listed are all relatively small trees to limit future impact on 3 Pottery Road.

Conditions

1. Five days notice in writing shall be given to the Council prior to undertaking the approved works.

Reason: To ensure that the Local Planning Authority is given sufficient notice of the works to enable the effective monitoring of tree work within the Borough.

2. 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

3. This decision is valid for two years from the date of this notice after which the consent lapses

4. 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

5. The works hereby approved to T3 Crack willow shall only be carried out late July-August or December-January.

Reason: To minimise harm to the future health of the tree.

6. Following the felling of the trees authorised by this consent, five (5) native broadleaves trees of a minimum 4-6cm girth and 2m in height shall be planted on the land between the rear boundary of 3 Pottery Road and Gipsy Lane during the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of the felling of the trees, whichever is soonest. Replacements shall be a mix selected from the following species:

Crataegus monogyna (Hawthorn)

Ilex aquifolium (Holly)

Acer campestre (Field maple)

Corylus avellana (Hazel)

Dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea*)

Blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*)

Planting should be carried out in accordance with clause 10 (Planting) of BS 8545:2014 'Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape - Recommendations'

Should the replacement tree be removed, die or become severely damaged or seriously diseased, all within 5 years of planting, it shall be replaced by a tree of a similar size and species to that originally planted. Modifications to the requirements of this condition must be agreed in writing with Reading Borough Council Natural Environment Team.

PLEASE NOTE: The requirement to replant is the responsibility of the tree owner even if

the application was submitted by another person.

Reason: To retain the present visual amenity value of the area and ensure continuity of tree coverage.

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. 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 or sought permission or will condone the use of consents to force any landowner to grant such permission.

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

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