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30th September 2020

Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr and Mrs Kenny,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO A HORSE CHESTNUT TREE WITHIN THE REAR GARDEN OF 48 FIRCROFT CLOSE, READING, RG31 6LJ - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 100/001.

Thank you for your application dated 11th September 2020, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on Monday 28th September 2020, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application and amended in your email dated 29th September 2020, are approved subject to the conditions below:

Approved Tree Works

T1 Horse Chestnut

- Stem 'A' recently shed a large primary branch due to a weak form which has undermined the remaining canopy - reduce failed stem back to suitable reduction point close to the failure point.
- Stem 'B', reduce back to a similar height to that of the reduced Horse Chestnut within the garden of 19 Pierce's Hill as shown in the annotated photograph (Figure 1) below. This work is intended to reduce the oscillation of this branch in high winds and associated risk of fracture following the reduction of the adjacent stem.

The approved works equates to a substantial reduction of the tree which is required in the interest of health and safety to reduce risk posed by the tree due to recent storm damage. Following this work, it is likely that the tree will need to continue to be managed in a reduced form (as a 'pollard') for the foreseeable future.

Conditions

1. 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

2. 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

Informatives

1. You are advised that, in accordance with Part 4, 17 (4) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012, this decision is valid for one pruning operation (as per the approved specifications) to be undertaken within two years from the date of this notice, after which the consent lapses and a new application will be required.

2. 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'.

3. 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 030 6000

4. 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 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:

Trees and Hedges, Room 3A Eagle Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN

Email: treeandhedgeappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk
Tel: 0303 444 5570

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SD' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sarah Duckworth
Consultant Assistant Natural Environment Officer

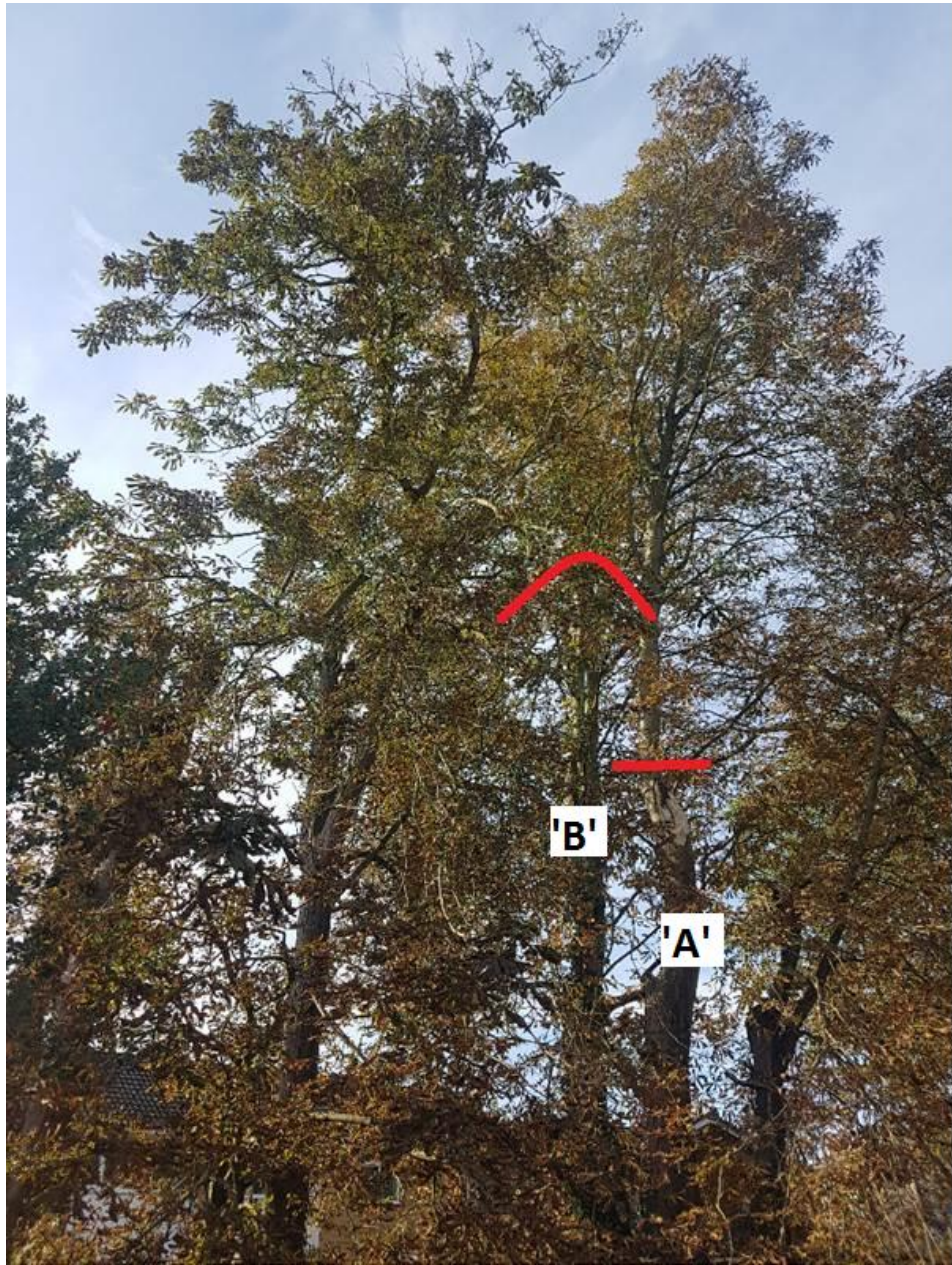


Figure 1 - Approved reduction points