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Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Ms Woodhurst

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT 89 CRESCENT ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your initial Notice of 26 August and subsequent clarification of 28 August 2020 regarding the above, along with accompanying photographs.

As you are aware, works the majority of the trees in question was agreed in 2016 (ref 162000); your current Notice effectively dealing with regrowth since then.

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

- Apple: reduce height by 2-3m and reshape.
- Copper beech: reduce height by 2-3 m
- Portuguese laurel: reduce top to previous pruning points
- Elder: remove dead branches
- Laurel (behind shed): reduce height by 1-2 m and remove branches over-hanging rear fence/shed

The agreed works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 7 October 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

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

Yours sincerely

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