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Your contact is:

Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mrs Bevan

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE BEECH TREE AT 24 PRINCES STREET, READING -
SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for your email of 23 July 2020 regarding the above.

The Beech tree is a potentially large tree located in a small front garden. Its retention requires regular pruning (as done in 2015 & 2017) to contain the size which significantly limits its amenity value. It is not a tree worthy of a Tree Preservation Order for these reasons.

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

- One Beech tree in front garden - fell

The works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 3 September 2020.

This decision is valid for two years from the date of this letter, after which it lapses.

Your property is situated in a low (tree) canopy cover ward and within the designated Air Quality Management Area. In addition, you may be aware that the Council declared a climate emergency last year. Retention and planting of trees is therefore important in your area. I would encourage you to consider planting replacement vegetation, more

suitable to the size of the front garden to help mitigate climate change, to retain greenery in a low canopy cover ward and to assist in retaining the character of the Conservation Area.

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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