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10th June 2020

Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Ms. Bonney,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES WITHIN HEMDEAN HOUSE SCHOOL AND TO THE REAR OF 34 QUEENS STREET, CAVERSHAM, READING, BERKSHIRE RG4 7RB - WITHIN WOODLAND SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 10/04.

Thank you for your application dated 14th May 2020 regarding the above.

I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

Approved Tree Works

- Multi-stem Sycamore sapling (T1 on sketch plan, applicant's own numbering). Fell poor form tree growing close to and already competing with other trees.

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

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. Where a live 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. The Sycamore identified as T1 is a poor specimen growing in dense woodland. Due to the dense growth of trees in the woodland TPO, replacement planting is not practical in this area. However, the Council's Tree Strategy aims to increase the canopy cover across the Borough for the multiple benefits that trees provide and to help mitigate the impacts of climate change. Tree retention and planting on private land will be an important contributor to meeting the canopy cover objective. As such, it would be positive if you could consider replacing a new tree elsewhere within your property or within the grounds of Hemdean House School in order to mitigate the removal of this tree. Advice on tree planting and management can be found on the Arboricultural Association's website at: www.trees.org.uk

5. Trees not considered to be protected by the current Tree preservation order: The Elder is not subject to a Tree Preservation Order. Work can be carried out to this tree without the formal consent from this Council.

6. 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 of 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,

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

Sarah Duckworth
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