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Your contact is:

Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mrs Page

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT 26 REDLANDS ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your tree works Notice of 28 May and subsequent email of 1 June 2020 regarding the above.

During my site visit of 2 June 2020 we discussed all the intended work. I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Crown lift one Oak overhanging Morgan Road to ensure statutory heights of 2.75m above the pavement and 5.5m above the road are achieved. It would be reasonable to remove the small, low branches back to source to achieve this rather than just pruning the ends of the branches.
- Norway maple on Morgan Road boundary - fell. This tree is of poor form, close to the boundary wall and in an unsustainable location.
- 4 No. Holly on south side of house - fell. Two are close to the Morgan Road boundary wall and two are close to the property.
- Laurel on Morgan Road boundary (outgrown hedge) - prune back down into shape including the removal of 3-4 main stems.

I note the intended removal of the dead Rowan on the front garden and advised you in my email of 28 May 2020 on the duty to replant.

The works (other than the removal of the dead Rowan) should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 9 July 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

3. The tree works hereby agreed includes the removal of a number of trees. 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 replacement tree planting on your property to mitigate the tree loss. Advice on tree planting and management can be found on the Arboricultural Association's website at: www.trees.org.uk

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

Yours sincerely

Sarah Hanson

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