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Your contact is:

Andrei Nazare, Planning

Dear Dr. Parker,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 3 LIME TREES, 3 CHESTNUT TREES AND 1 LAWSON CYPRESS TREE AT 169 KIDMORE ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 221/06.

Thank you for your application of 17th November 2020, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on 25th November 2020 with my colleague Sarah Hanson, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application and amended during our visit, are approved subject to the conditions below:

1. Lime tree (T7 on TPO, T1 on application)
 - a. remove epicormic growth up to 5-6m, including removal of basal growth, and remove dead wood
2. Horse Chestnut (T6 on TPO, T2 on application)
 - a. Crown lift to 3.5m
3. Lime tree (T5 on TPO, T3 on application)
 - a. Crown lift to 3.5m, remove basal growth and dead wood
4. Lawson Cypress (T4 on TPO, T4 on application)
 - a. Fell to ground level (please note condition 4 below)
5. Horse Chestnut (T3 on TPO, T5 on application)
 - a. Fell to ground level (please note condition 4 below)
6. Sweet Chestnut (T2 on TPO, T6 on application)
 - a. Crown lift to 3m and remove dead wood

7. Lime tree (T1 on TPO, T7 on application)

- a. Crown lift to 3.5m and remove large basal growth [we agreed this work would provide the clearance required from the adjacent outbuilding]

Noteworthy mention regarding the T3 Horse Chestnut and the T4 Lawson Cypress: it is unfortunate that the Ivy overwhelmed the Horse Chestnut's crown to the extent of it dying down and that the Lawson Cypress has declined beyond the chance of possible recovery. Therefore, felling is agreed for both and replacement species of an ultimately similar stature to each felled tree is required in order to replace the lost amenity.

The intention to remove Ivy is noted and is positive in this situation. Whilst Ivy is beneficial to wildlife, it is advised to keep it in check in order that defects in the trees can be identified more easily, to reduce the 'sail area' it creates, to reduce shading of neighbouring gardens and to avoid it overwhelming any trees.

Upon your request for advice on choosing a tree surgeon, please see the guidance on the Arboricultural Association's website, along with companies approved by them:
www.trees.org.uk .

Conditions

1. Five days' notice in writing shall be given to the Council prior to undertaking the approved works.

Reason: To ensure that the Local Planning Authority is given sufficient notice of the works to enable the effective monitoring of tree work within the Borough.

2. 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

3. 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

4. Following the felling of the Lawson Cypress (T4 on TPO and application) and the Horse Chestnut (T3 on TPO, T5 on application) authorised by this consent, two replacement trees of a minimum 10-12cm girth and 3 metres in height shall be planted within the same tree line during the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of the felling of the trees, whichever is soonest. The species shall be agreed with the Council prior to purchase and planting.

Planting should be carried out in accordance with clause 10 (Planting) of BS 8545:2014 'Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape - Recommendations'

Should the replacement tree be removed, die or become severely damaged or seriously diseased, all within 5 years of planting, it shall be replaced by a tree of a similar size and species to that originally planted. Modifications to the requirements of this condition must be agreed in writing with Reading Borough Council Natural Environment Team.

PLEASE NOTE: The requirement to replant is the responsibility of the tree owner even if the application was submitted by another person.

Reason: To retain the present visual amenity value of the area and ensure continuity of tree coverage.

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
5. 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.
6. Removal of any dead or dangerous protected tree: This does not require the formal consent of the Council. However, you are required to give 5 days notice of the work where it is not an emergency, to allow the Council to agree that the proposed works are exempt from requiring consent. The exception is where works are 'urgently necessary to remove an immediate risk of serious harm', in which case you are required to give notice

to the Council 'as soon as practicable after the works become necessary'.

Once felling of a dead or dangerous tree has been carried out, the owner has a duty under Section 201(b) of the Town & Country Planning Act to replant another tree of an appropriate size and species in the same place as soon as they reasonable can. This replacement tree will be covered by the existing Tree Preservation Order. The new tree would be subject to the same requirements for a tree works application if you intend to carry out works upon it in the future.

7. Trees not considered to be protected by the current Tree preservation order: Work can be carried out to this tree without the formal consent from this Council.

8. Prior to the severing of well-established Ivy at the base of the tree, it would be prudent to carry out an assessment of whether any of the stems of the Ivy are forming a natural brace above a suspected bark-included union

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:

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

Yours sincerely,

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