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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr. Mitchell,

SECTION 211 NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED WORKS TO FELL 4X SCOTS PINES AT THE ABBEY SCHOOL, 17 KENDRICK ROAD, READING AND WITHIN THE KENDRICK ROAD CONSERVATION AREA.

Further to my site visit of Wednesday 5th March 2020, I can confirm the following:

The trees you have applied to fell are a group of four mature pines which appear to be in a reasonable and healthy condition. The trees provide significant amenity value to the school and the surrounding area in views from Morgan Road. The Council has noted that there are no other comparable trees within this area of school grounds in terms of size, health and amenity value.

As such the Borough Council objects to the proposed removal of the trees and I am writing to advise you that a Tree Preservation Order will now be served on these tree(s) in order to prevent them from being felled and in order to preserve the amenity provided by trees to the local area. A copy of the Tree Preservation Order will be sent to you and Head of The Abbey School in due course.

Should you wish to continue with consent to remove the trees, following service of the TPO, you will need to apply for these works under the TPO for formal consideration. If the works are subsequently refused, the appeal process can be followed, details of which will be given at the time.

Your S211 Notice was submitted alongside your current planning application, which is

under consideration and which would require the removal of the 4 trees in question. It is acknowledged that if planning approval is given, the trees could be removed in order to implement that consent without the need for separate approval under the TPO. A TPO is effective from the date it is served and must be confirmed within 6 months of the date of service. It is therefore further acknowledged that any planning decision will have a bearing on whether the TPO is recommended for confirmation; also depending on consideration of any objections received.

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 underneath.

Sarah Duckworth
Assistant Natural Environment Officer

cc. Mr. Mark Lucas, The Abbey School, 17 Kendrick Road, Reading RG1 5DZ