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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr. Harmer,

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES ON LAND AT 19 TOWER CLOSE, EMMER GREEN,
READING - WITHIN WOODLAND 1 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 33/002.**

Thank you for your application dated 1st October 2020, regarding the above.

Further to my visit today (6th October 2020), I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application and agreed at our site visit, are approved subject to the conditions below:

- T1 (Sycamore) - Fell to ground level due to extensive basal decay
- T2 (Oak) - Remove broken branch growing along boundary with 20 Tower Close
- T2-T6 (Oaks) remove epicormic growth on of low shoots back to main trunk. As discussed on site it was agreed that removing epicormic growth to a height of 3-4m above ground level would be appropriate retaining those in the upper canopy for the long-term benefit of the trees' physiological health.

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

2. 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

3. Following the felling of the tree (s) authorised by this consent, 1 broadleaf, native tree a minimum of 2-3m tall at time of planting shall be planted within the woodland area to the rear of the property during the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of the felling of the tree, whichever is soonest. The species of the replacement tree should be agreed in writing with the Borough 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.

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:

Trees and Hedges, Room 3A Eagle Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN

Email: treeandhedgeappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Tel: 0303 444 5570

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
Consultant Assistant Natural Environment Officer