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Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr King-Fretts

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE MAPLE TREE AT OAKLANDS, HAMILTON ROAD /
BULMERSHE ROAD, READING - T1 OF SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER
126/01**

Thank you for your application of 7 July 2020, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on 14 July 2020, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

- T1 Maple - re-pollard back to previous pollard points.

The extent of re-growth from the pollard points is fairly significant. The timing of the work will therefore be important to minimise the impact of the removal of an extensive amount of the crown and should take the genus of the tree into account - please note timing condition 5 below. You may wish to consider whether a reduction, as opposed to re-pollarding, would fully address the issues raised. As this would be lesser work than re-pollarding, a new application would not be required, as this alternative work could be carried out under this approval.

As you are aware, approval was recently given (ref 200467) to prune this tree to give 1m clearance from 63 Hamilton Road. This current application will supersede that and will, be virtue of the extent of pruning, provide that 1m clearance.

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. This decision is valid for two years from the date of this notice after which the consent lapses

4. 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

5. The works hereby approved shall only be carried out late July to September.

Reason: To minimise harm to the future health of the tree.

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. 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 or 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

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