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Andrei Nazare, Planning

Dear Mr. Johnson,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE LIME TREE AT ST. GILES'S CHURCH, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your notification of 7th December 2020, regarding the above.

Further to your e-mail exchange with my colleague Sarah Hanson and the photograph received on 7th December 2020, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

1. Lime tree overhanging Letcombe Court from St. Giles' Church Courtyard
 - a. lift the canopy to a height of 4m and cut back the overhanging canopy by 2-2.5m towards the Letcombe Court, as per the annotated photograph

I note the crown pruning is to be done by up to 2.5 metres for the lowest branches, but tappers off towards the uppermost part of the crown.

The agreed works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 18th January 2021.

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. 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.
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

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

Yours sincerely,

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