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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Marilyn,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES ON LAND AT 107 COCKNEY HILL, TILEHURST, READING RG30 4EY - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 75/05.

Thank you for your application dated 28th March 2020, regarding the above.

I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

Approved Tree Works

- T1 Corsican Pine (T8 of TPO 75/05) - Remove deadwood (see informative 2).
- T2 Corsican Pine (T7 of TPO 75/05) - Install one 4ft non-invasive cable brace at approximately 2/3 height of the tree. Remove deadwood (2). Minor crown lift to provide 1m clearance above phone line.
- T3 Corsican Pine (T6 of TPO 75/05) - Remove deadwood (2). Minor crown lift to provide 1m clearance above phone line.
- T4 Corsican Pine (T5 of TPO 75/05) - Remove deadwood (2). Minor crown lift to provide 1m clearance above phone line.
- T5 Corsican Pine (T4 of TPO 75/05) - Crown lift to give statutory clearance of canopy over highway (see informative 4) by removing the lowest branch overhanging the road. Selectively prune to give a minimum of 1m clearance to phone line. Remove deadwood (see 2).
- T6 Corsican Pine (T3 of TPO 75/05) - Crown lift to give statutory clearance of canopy over highway (see informative 4). Remove deadwood (2).

With reference to the proposed cable brace for T2 (T7), please advise us of the date of installation for our records.

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

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. 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. Crown lifting of trees over the footpath and carriageway: If the clearance of vegetation overhanging the highway only involves the removal of branches to give a ground clearance to the statutory heights of 2.7m over the footpath and 5.5m over the road, this does not require formal consent from the Council. You are advised, however, to give notice to the Council of these intended works in order that they can be agreed.

5. The Ash and Elm listed in your schedule of works are not considered to be protected by the current Tree preservation order: Work can be carried out to these trees without the formal consent of the Borough Council.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SD' with a stylized flourish underneath.

Sarah Duckworth
Consultant Assistant Natural Environment Officer

cc. Mr Paul Chandler, 107 Cockney Hill Road, Tilehurst, RG30 4EY (via email)