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Your contact is: Andrei Nazare, Planning

Dear Mr. Matthew Vaughan,

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT 1 & 3 ST. PETERS AVENUE, CAVERSHAM, READING -
SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 146/05.**

Thank you for your Tree Works application of 27th October 2020 and subsequent e-mail of 28th October 2020 regarding the above.

Further to my visit on 28th October 2020, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application and agreed in your e-mail exchange with Sarah Hanson, are approved subject to the conditions below and with reference to the attached photographs:

1. T1 Sycamore at 3 St Peters Avenue
 - a. Selectively reduce lateral crown spread towards 1 & 3 St. Peters Avenue by around 1.5m
2. T2 Lime at 1 St Peters Avenue
 - a. Remove basal and epicormic growth from main stem (up to first major branch)
 - b. Remove major dead wood
 - c. a reduction of the main (and longest) limb growing towards No. 1 back to a point in line with the remaining crown (adjacent branches).
3. T3 Lime at 1 St Peters Avenue
 - a. Remove basal and epicormic growth from main stem (up to first major branch)
 - b. Remove major dead wood

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. The works hereby approved shall not be carried out during or immediately before the period of bud burst or leaf fall:

Reason: to minimise harm long-term harm to the health of the trees

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

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

4. 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.

5. Removal of any dead or dangerous protected tree: This does not require the formal consent of the Council. However, you are required to give 5 days notice of the work where it is not an emergency, to allow the Council to agree that the proposed works are exempt from requiring consent. The exception is where works are 'urgently necessary to remove an immediate risk of serious harm', in which case you are required to give notice to the Council 'as soon as practicable after the works become necessary'.

Once felling of a dead or dangerous tree has been carried out, the owner has a duty under Section 201(b) of the Town & Country Planning Act to replant another tree of an appropriate size and species in the same place as soon as they reasonable can. This replacement tree will be covered by the existing Tree Preservation Order. The new tree would be subject to the same requirements for a tree works application if you intend to carry out works upon it in the future.

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

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

Yours sincerely

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