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Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Wastle

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TWO HORSE CHESTNUT TREES AT 20 CHURCH ROAD,
CAVERSHAM, READING - T1 AND T2 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 22/07.**

Thank you for your application of 10 September 2020, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on 1 October 2020, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

- Horse chestnut (T1 of application; T2 of TPO) - fell due to extensive decline with negligible live growth. Defects associated with its condition are noted in your application.
- Horse chestnut (T2 of application; T1 of TPO) - fell. The tree has responded very poorly to previous pollarding and has an extensive area of dysfunction/decay on the west side extending several metres up the trunk from the base. In addition, the presence of *Kretzschmaria deusta* was noted in your application limiting the trees safe retention.

Whilst the trees form part of the verdant nature and landscape of the locality, due to their poor condition neither tree is considered worthy of a TPO and felling is reasonable subject to replacement planting. Your application indicates the intended replanting with two Dawn Redwoods of 14-16 stem diameter up to 4m tall - this has been secured by condition 4 below. The applicant should be made aware of the importance of watering the new

trees for at least the first two growing seasons (approx. Apr-Oct) following planting. Each tree will require approximately 35 litres weekly. The maintenance of a mulched zone to prevent weed growth and aid establishment should also be encouraged.

Due to the tree stumps that will remain and the likely less favourable growing conditions on the strip of land on which the Horse chestnuts stand, the applicant may wish to consider replanting just within the garden, i.e. on the north side of the chain link fence.

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. Following the felling of the trees authorised by this consent, two Dawn Redwood (*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*) trees of 14-16cm diameter up to 4m tall shall be planted within the rear garden during the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of the felling of the trees, whichever is soonest.

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. 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

2. 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:

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

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