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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr. Simpson,

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO AN OAK TREE ON LAND ADJOINING 33 TREDEGAR ROAD,
EMMER GREEN - PROTECTED AS T14 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 210.**

Thank you for your application dated 21st January 2020, regarding the above and may I firstly apologise for the time it has taken for you to receive a response to your application.

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

Approved Tree Works

T4 (Oak) (T14 of TPO 210)

- Option 1 - To reduce the tree leaving a monolith approx. 10m high from ground level.
- Option 2 - Fell to ground level.

Following a climbing inspection, it has been identified that the tree has significant decay and decline such that the work is considered necessary in the interests of health and safety. Of the two options (reducing the tree to a 10m monolith or felling the tree), the Borough Council would prefer the reduction of the tree, following which the trunk can be retained for habitat value. If the decision is made to fell the tree, then replacement planting will be required (please refer to condition 3).

Conditions

1. Five days' notice in writing shall be given to the Council prior to undertaking the approved works. The notice will confirm which of the two tree works option is to be undertaken out of the two options for which permission has been granted.

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. Where possible 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. Following the felling of the tree (s) authorised by this consent, 1 Oak (*Quercus robur*) shall be planted within a 5m radius of the felled tree during the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of the felling of the tree, 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 damage 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. 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. 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

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 at the end.

Sarah Duckworth

Consultant Assistant Natural Environment Officer