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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Ms. Steedman

SECTION 211 NOTIFICATION OF WORKS TO TREES ON LAND AT 3 AND 5 SURLEY ROW AND WITHIN THE SURLEY ROW CONSERVATION AREA.

I can confirm that the Borough Council raises no objections to the following proposed works, as discussed at our meeting on 19th February 2020 and as confirmed in your email dated 27th February 2020:

- T1 Hornbeam, set back from the road - fell to ground level.
- T2 Evergreen magnolia - Reduce canopy by 2-3m
- T3 Yew & Thuja - cut back to boundary, reduce Yew to gutter height (subject to consent of tree owner)
- T4 Beech - offsite neighbouring tree cut back canopy over the garden of 3 Surley Row by up to 2m using suitable pruning points.
- G5 2x Yew within rear garden - reduce back to previous topping points
- T6 Weeping lawson Cypress with poor form - Fell to ground level
- T7 Lime - On rear boundary, repollard to previous reduction points or 2m above previous reduction points.
- T8 Leyland Cypress on rear boundary - fell to ground level
- T9 Nootka Cypress - 50% canopy reduction.

Having viewed the trees, the Borough Council has confirmed that the trees within the property which are identified for removal do not meet the criteria for inclusion in a Tree Preservation Order at this time.

Pruning works to larger trees including the Lime and offsite Beech is considered to be minor pruning works or, in the case of the pollarding of the Lime, in accordance with accepted arboricultural good practice and therefore it would not be expedient to include the trees in a Tree Preservation Order such as would be required in order to prevent or moderate the proposed works.

Following the removal of the three trees, the Borough Council would fully support and encourage you to consider undertaking replacement planting elsewhere within your property, in a sustainable location, in order to maintain canopy coverage and the verdant character of the wider Conservation Area.

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 030 6000
2. 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.
3. Tree work consents on land not owned by the applicant: It is strongly recommended that the owner of trees growing offsite be advised of any proposed works to their trees. The tree owner's permission must be sought if the tree works involve work past the boundary line. This correspondence does not in any way imply that this Council has informed or sought permission from the tree owner for the proposed works or will condone the use of this decision to force any landowner to grant such permission against their wishes.

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

Yours sincerely,



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