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Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Le Patourel

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES REAR OF 28 WELLSWOOD GARDENS, READING -
SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 16/12.**

Thank you for your application of 29 May 2019, regarding the above.

The Sycamore at 28 Addington Road is not subject to a TPO, therefore approval is not required for works to that tree.

Having consulted plans submitted with the development for Wellswood Garden, I am satisfied that all the trees to the rear of your garden are within the communal strip of land (within the Wellswood Gardens curtilage) rather than within the Cagudan Place passageway, hence they will all be subject to TPO 16/12.

Your application seeks consent to prune back all branches to the boundary line. As discussed during my visit, branches should be taken to appropriate growing points hence we discussed and agreed specific works to each tree.

Further to my visit on 6 June 2019, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as agreed on site, are approved subject to the conditions below and with reference to the attached photographs:

- Leylandii within communal land – prune back to appropriate growing points approximately in line with your rear boundary,
- Hawthorn within communal land – either remove two uprights back to source or prune main branch at a point just behind (passed) the two uprights,
- Ash within communal land – remove one low limb overhanging garden back to source; reduce second branch (above the first) back to the fork,
- Horse chestnut at No. 26 Wellswood Gardens – remove one minor, low limb.

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. 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. 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'.

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 060 3900; enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk

3. 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

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 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:

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

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