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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr. Briggs,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO A CEDAR AT 1 COURTLANDS, CAVERSHAM, PROTECTED AS T18 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 4/19.

Thank you for your application dated 24th September 2019, regarding the above.

I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application and amended in your email dated 16th October 2019, are approved subject to the conditions below:

Approved Tree Works

T18 - Cedar

- Remove branches (water shoots) branching up vertically from horizontal branches in three locations.
- Cut back branches overhanging existing property and proposed extension by 1-1.5m in four locations.
- Crown clean removing any dead, dangerous, dysfunctional, crossing or rubbing branches.

Conditions

1. 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

2. 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

3. Crown cleaning should not include the removal of fused natural braces (branches or stems), or the removal of entwining branches or rubbing branches (where they may be forming a natural brace) from the crown of a semi-mature to fully mature tree without carrying out an assessment of any junctions formed below such natural braces.

Reason: Removal of natural braces may lead to failure of weak unions.

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

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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