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Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mr Pether

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TWO TREES AT 112 HAMILTON ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your tree works Notice of 11 January 2020 regarding the above.

Further to my site visit of 21 January 2020, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Apple tree on the Hamilton Road boundary (A1) – crown reduce to a height of approximately 6m in height (removing the most recent 2-3 years growth); thin the remaining branches by approximately 10% where necessary to avoid branches rubbing; remove any branches significantly overhanging the public footpath
- Holly on the corner of Hamilton Road and Crescent Road (H1) – crown reduce to a maximum height of 4-5m

The works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 22 February 2020.

This decision is valid for two years from the date of this letter, after which it lapses.

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

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

Yours sincerely

Sarah Hanson

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