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Your contact is: Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Wells

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE PLANE TREE AT ABBOTS HOUSE, ABBEY STREET,
READING - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 60/05.**

Thank you for your application of 25 November 2019 seeking consent to fell one Plane tree, that being T5 of TPO 60/05 (your T1). You confirmed in your email of 27 November that this was the tree that lost half its canopy (failure of tight fork) in June 2018.

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

- Fell due to partial failure limiting the trees amenity value and safe, useful life expectancy.

Please ensure your client receives a copy of this decision in order that they are aware of the replanting condition.

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. Following the felling of the tree authorised by this consent, one broadleaved tree of a minimum 10-12cm girth and 3m in height shall be planted on the same grass area during the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of the felling of the tree, whichever is soonest, the species of which shall be agreed by the Local Planning Authority.

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 damaged 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. 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

2. 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

Sarah Hanson

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Natural Environment Officer