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Your contact is:

Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mrs Walsh

**RE: PROPOSED FELLING OF 3 CONIFERS AT 23 NEW ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO
CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for your email of 22 January 2020 giving Notice of your intention to fell three small conifers at the front of the property. This Notice follows your previous Notice, reference 200048, for the felling of the larger conifer; a formal response for which was provided on 22 January 2020.

Further to my site visit of 31 January 2020, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Fell three small conifers on the front boundary.

As with the larger conifer, these three smaller trees are growing through the railings, disrupting the hard surfacing and edging, are in an unsuitable location and are not worthy of a Tree Preservation Order.

As advised in my letter of 22 January relating to 200048/TCA, it would be beneficial for replacement trees to be planted on the property in order to retain tree coverage within the Conservation Area and Borough as a whole.

The Conservation Area appraisal for the Redlands Road Conservation Area acknowledges the importance of trees and states:

'..the Area is epitomised by mature properties situated in mature gardens, with extensive tree cover throughout, giving a general verdant feel to the area of buildings and trees in harmony.

Trees therefore make a significant contribution to this suburban Conservation Area's special character and sense of identity...'

The Council's adopted Tree Strategy aims to increase canopy cover in the Borough hence

replacing trees that are lost is part of this. You may be aware that the Council declared a Climate Emergency last year; tree planting being one action we can take to help mitigate the impacts of climate change. I hope therefore that you will consider planting new trees following the felling of the conifers.

The works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 4 March 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

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