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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr. Phipps

RE: PROPOSED WORKS A CEDAR TO THE FRONT OF 158 CASTLE HILL, PROTECTED AS T4 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 59/05.

Thank you for your application dated 28th November 2019, regarding the above.

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

Approved Tree Works

T4 - Cedar of Lebanon

- Reduce the overhanging lower level branches on the north and west side of the Cedar by 2-2.5m and a careful selection on the east side by 2m.
- Reduce upper level branches by 1.5m.

As per your tree works specification, pruning cuts will not exceed 80mm diameter on live wood.

The reason for this work is to reduce the probability of branch failure. The tree has a tight stem fork which is a potential area of weakness. The light reduction will take off some of the weight and loading of the fork, without compromising the trees amenity value. The minor pruning work is considered to be appropriate given the high occupancy of the area around the tree.

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

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 - Tel: 0300 030 6000.

4. Tree work consents on land not owned by the applicant: The tree owner's permission must be obtained where tree works involve pruning or cutting branches back past the boundary line. This consent does not in any way imply that this Council has informed the owner of sought permission or will condone the use of consents to coerce a landowner to grant permission against their wishes.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SD' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sarah Duckworth
Consultant Assistant Natural Environment Officer

cc. Mr John Dyson, 160 Castle Hill, Reading, RG1 7RP