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Your contact
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Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Goodwin

**RE: PROPOSED FELLING OF ONE SYCAMORE TREE AT 7 CASTLE STREET, READING -
SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for your tree works Notice of 24 October 2019 advising us of your intention to fell one tree, as detailed above.

Further to our assessment of the tree, I can confirm the following:

The tree in question appears to be in good condition (and no concern over its condition is raised by you) and provides amenity value to the surrounding area. It contributes to the greening of the Conservation Area in which it sits, which is a 10% or less canopy cover area as defined in our adopted Tree Strategy, i.e. a priority area for tree retention and planting. In the centre of the town it will also provide other important benefits such as the filtering of pollution. We do not, therefore, agree that the tree has no intrinsic value, as determined by your tree consultant.

Given the above and that you have not identified any arboricultural or other reasons, e.g. damage to the properties, which would justify the felling, the Council therefore intend to place a Tree Preservation Order on this tree as the proposed felling is not considered acceptable.

The TPO will be served prior to 5 December 2019, i.e. within six weeks of the date of your Notice; a copy of which will be served to all interested parties relevant to 7 & 9 Castle Street, all of whom will be able to object to/comment on the TPO.

Should felling or alternative works be desired, an application for consent under the TPO will then need to be submitted for formal consideration. If those works are subsequently refused, the appeal process can be followed, details of which will be given at the time.

The proximity of the tree to the adjacent properties is appreciated, therefore appropriate pruning to provide better clearance and to allow more light into the properties would be considered reasonable, subject to agreeing the specifics through a tree works application.

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

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