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Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Bartlett

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE SYCAMORE TREE AT THE FRONT OF 113-115 SCHOOL ROAD, READING - T6 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 6/06.

Thank you for your application of 23 August 2019, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on 18 September 2019, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

- T6 Sycamore – fell

It is clear looking at photographs taken in 2006 when the TPO was reviewed and Google Street View photos over the years that no specimen tree was ever in the position of T6, as shown on TPO drawing E2337, at the time the TPO was made. It would appear that T6 only related to a small specimen, which provides little amenity value. Its removal would therefore have no significant detrimental impact.

The other vegetation (other than the protected trees) is not formally protected so can be removed.

Please note that to widen the access as proposed will require planning approval hence no works should go ahead until a planning application is submitted and a decision issued. Submissions for the planning application should address the adjacent Oak tree and

confirm the ground works proposed to create the widened access, i.e. how the works will be carried out without harm to tree roots.

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

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. 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.

4. Crown lifting of trees over the footpath and carriageway: If the clearance of vegetation overhanging the highway only involves the removal of branches to give a ground clearance to the statutory heights of 2.7m over the footpath and 5.5m over the road, this does not require formal consent from the Council. You are advised, however, to give notice to the Council of these intended works in order that they can be agreed.

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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