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Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mr Masters

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TWO TREES AT KENDRICK GIRLS SCHOOL, LONDON ROAD,
READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for your Notice of 4 November 2019 and accompanying 2015 Arboricultural Report from Duckworths Arboriculture.

Further to our meeting of 25 October 2019 with Mrs Joseph and my colleagues Kevin Lee and David White from Parks, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- T3 Horse chestnut - Crown lift outer branches to 2.5 metres. Reduce extended lower lateral (growing towards T5 and with 'witches broom') by 2 metres and thin out terminal branches on this limb by 25-30% to reduce end weight.
- T6 Pin oak - Reduce canopy by 2-3 metres back to previous pruning cuts taking care not to damage any pollard knuckles. Check branch fork union. Selectively prune remaining secondary (small) branches where necessary to prevent direct contact with property and remove the epicormic growth on the underside of the large scaffold growing south over the stairway and building.

The works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 16 December 2019.

This decision is valid for two years from the date of this letter, after which it lapses.

The works to the two trees subject to TPO 31/01 (T7 & T8 of the survey) are dealt with under application 191758/TPO.

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. It is best to avoid works in the period immediately before or during bud burst and leaf fall to minimise the effect on the long-term health of the tree

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely

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C.c. Mrs I Joseph, Head, Kendrick Girls School