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Your contact
is: Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Terndrup

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE OAK TREE AT 11 BASINGSTOKE ROAD, READING - T1 OF
TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 65/05.**

Thank you for your application of 1 July 2019 and subsequent email of 19 July 2019,
regarding the above.

Further to my visits on 12 July and 8 August 2019, I can confirm that the following
proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions
below:

- Remove two branches on the north side of the tree (one small, one larger), growing
through the wire fence, as indicated in the photograph below:



- Reduce the south side by approximately 2m, back to suitable growing points (approximately in line with the middle of the car park road); reduce the north side to give 2m clearance from Christchurch Court

The intention to remove dead wood is noted, of which there was a fairly significant amount.

The tree is a mature specimen with long lateral branches growing to the east and west. Whilst you confirmed that the east / west sides of the crown have not been flagged up as a concern by your clients, I assume that, as the arboricultural professional, you would have highlighted any potential hazards to your clients. These lateral branches are extended and weighty with evidence of being previously reduced. You may wish to inspect the tree when carrying out the approved work and offer advice to your client as to an appropriate reduction of these to reduce the weight, hence leverage to minimise the chance of failure given the age of the tree, its suboptimal condition and high target area. A further application will be required for any works recommended.

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

4. 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

5. The works hereby approved shall only be carried out late July-August or December-January.

Reason: To avoid harm to the future health of the tree.

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.

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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