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Your contact
is: Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Arnold

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TWO LIME TREES OUTSIDE APPLEBY HOUSE, 6 DERBY ROAD,
READING - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 59/14.**

Thank you for your application of 10 May 2019, regarding the above.

As you are aware, following my visit of 24 May 2019, I emailed you to express some reservations about the proposed work, seeking further input. Unfortunately I have not received a response to that email. However, the proposed works have been considered further. Whilst there is a lot of new growth, several of the stems being large in diameter, the majority are small enough not to be of concern. It is difficult to consider an alternative to re-pollarding. The majority of the stems are too dense and slender to be able to reduce much beyond the pollard knuckle and create an even 'extended' canopy.

Further to my visit on 24 May 2019, I can therefore confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

- 2 No. Limes (T1 & T2 of application; T17 & T16 respectively of TPO) – re-pollard just above the previous pruning points.

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 in 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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C.c. Mr Will Quick, Chaney's Chartered Surveyors