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Smallwood
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Your contact is:

Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mrs Hollands

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO YEW TREES AT 8 MAITLAND ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO
CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for your email of 11 April 2019 regarding the above.

Further to my site meeting of 2 May 2019 with Mr Campkin, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Reduction of Yew trees (forming a hedge) by approximately one half back to previous reduction points and reduction of one individual Yew tree (in the south-west corner of the garden) by approximately one half.

The hedge has put on substantial growth since it was reduced in height, the majority of foliage being on the top half to be removed. Some of the individual trees are starting to sprout on the lower section, albeit this is currently limited, and one has been damaged by an adjacent bonfire. I suggested to Mr Campkin that he may wish to consider reducing the hedge in several stages leaving a year or two between reductions to give further lower growth a chance to sprout and help the trees recover. In relation to the individual tree located at the south-west end of the hedge, a more sympathetic reduction may be prudent to address neighbour's concerns but leaving the tree 'separate' to the hedge and as an individual.

The works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 23 May 2019.

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

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

Yours sincerely

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