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Your contact is: Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Butler

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE LIME TREE AT 20 ARMOUR HILL AND ONE LIME TREE AT 3 WARDLE AVENUE, READING - G1 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 43/14.

Thank you for your application of 9 May 2019, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on 19 June 2019 and our subsequent emails and verbal discussion, crown lifting of the two Limes has been added to the application. I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application (as amended), are approved subject to the conditions below:

- Lime at 20 Armour Hill (central tree of G1) - Reduce the height by approximately 30% to that approximately equal to (and no less than) the adjacent Lime to the east, as indicated on application photographs; reduce lateral spread on the south side by approximately 30% above the garden of 5 Wardle Avenue, leaving an overhanging above the garden of approximately 2.5m from the boundary, as shown on application photographs; crown lift through 360° to 4-5m above ground level by reducing/removing minor growth only (no wounds over 100mm diameter) but including the 're-pollarding' of the secondary stem within the garden of 20 Armour Hill as indicated on the attached photographs
- Lime at 3 Wardle Avenue (western tree of G1) - crown lift to approximately 5m removing basal and epicormic growth only

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 reduction works to the Lime at 20 Armour Hill 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

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