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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mrs. Benham,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO A LIME TREE ON LAND TO THE FRONT OF 23 DERBY ROAD, READING - PROTECTED AS T39 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 59/14.

Thank you for your application dated 31st August 2019 regarding the above.

I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

T39 - Lime

- One operation to re-pollard the Lime tree removing any regrowth back to the previous reduction points.
- Remove basal and epicormic growth from tree annually for the next 5 years.

The tree is an established pollard with satisfactory but not prolific re-growth from previous reduction points. It was noted that there was no re-growth from one pollard knuckle on the east side, with evident decay and poor condition re-growth from the adjacent knuckle. The tree is not in optimum condition, with areas of dieback.

Although further pollarding of the tree is considered to be appropriate and in accordance with good tree management, it would benefit the long term health of the tree if the works were carried out in Summer 2020 or 2021 once the new growth has 20-30cm diameter and the tree has had the opportunity to recover its energy reserves which will have depleted since the last cut.

Works to remove broken or snapped branches may take place before this time. Care must be taken not to damage or remove the established pollard knuckles during the course of the pruning operations.

Please note timing condition 4 for re-pollarding below.

You may wish to consider planting a new Lime tree (possibly small-leaved Lime) on the grass verge to the east as a future replacement for T39.

Conditions

1. Five days' notice in writing shall be given to the Council prior to undertaking the approved tree works on each occasion.

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. 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 to trees.

4. The re-pollarding works hereby approved shall only be carried out in the summer months of July and August or winter months January - February at each cycle.

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

Informatives

1. You are advised that this decision, in relation to the removal of basal and epicormic growth, is valid until the end of September 2024 following which date the consent lapses and a new application will be required. In relation to the approved pollarding.....

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 030 6000

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

4. 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 of the proposed works or sought permission. Nor will the Borough Council condone the use of consents to put pressure on a landowner to grant such permission against their wishes.

5. 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'.

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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