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16th October 2019

Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr. Arnold,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES ON LAND ADJACENT TO LOWFIELD ROAD, CAVERSHAM PARK, READING - WITHIN AREA 1 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 22/16.

Thank you for your application dated 23rd September 2019, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on Wednesday 9th October 2019, I can confirm that the tree works as specified in your Professional Tree Inspection Report dated 2nd August 2019 and as amended in your email dated 16th October 2019 (please refer to Informative 1), are approved subject to the conditions below:

Conditions

1. 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

2. 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.

Informatives

1. The amendments to the tree works specified in your Professional Tree Inspection Report and as confirmed in your email dated 16th October 2019 are as follows:

- Oak - we recorded this as T25A - crown lift to statutory height clearance over highway.
- Stags Head Sumack - cut back stems encroaching over highway where necessary
- Remove the proposed felling of T10 - a young Oak which we agreed, although poor form was not a current health and safety concern and has potential for a long and healthy lifespan.

2. You are advised that, in accordance with Part 4, 17 (4) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012, this decision is valid for one pruning operation (as per the approved specifications) to be undertaken within two years from the date of this notice, after which the consent lapses and a new application will be required.

3. 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'.

4. 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

5. 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 trees.

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

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

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Duckworth

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