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Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mr Kelly

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TWO TREES AT 105 OXFORD ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your tree works Notice of 12 October 2019 regarding one Fig and one Purple plum at the above address and the subsequent photos of both trees.

I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Fig – pollard in order to deal with the nuisance to neighbours and boundary wall. The tree provides little amenity value and it not worthy of a Tree Preservation Order.

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

In relation to the Purple plum, fungal brackets are present and the tree is of poor form with weak unions. I can confirm that the tree falls within the 'dead, dangerous' exemption, i.e. 6-weeks prior Notification for its felling is not required hence felling can be undertaken at any time.

Under Section 213 (1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, a landowner is under a duty to replace a tree which is removed because it is dead or dangerous. The duty on the landowner is to plant another tree of an appropriate size and species at the same place as soon as he or she reasonably can.

In this case the Council would expect a replacement of a similar sized ornamental tree of a minimum 'standard' size (2.75-3m high) to be planted in the garden in the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of felling, in order to retain tree coverage in the conservation area in accordance with our Tree Strategy and aims to tackle Climate Change.

If you feel the replanting duty should be waived in this instance, please write to us within 28 days of the date of this letter with justification for your request. Otherwise, please provide confirmation of replanting once implemented.

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

Informatives

1. 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

2. 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

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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