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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Ms Shearer,

SECTION 211 NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED WORKS TO A BEECH TREE AT 81 BAKER STREET, READING WITHIN THE RUSSELL STREET / CASTLE HILL CONSERVATION AREA .

I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work as per the tree inspection report by Heartwood Tree Care:

T1- Copper Beech

- Crown lift by way of removing low branches to a height of 4 metres all round and 5.5m over the highway.
- Remove deadwood

Your intention to remove dead / dying Flagpole Cherries has also been noted. Please note informative 4 - replacement planting.

Informatives

1. You are advised that this decision is valid for two years from the date of this letter, after which it lapses and a new Section 211 notification will be required.
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. 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. Where a tree with a diameter of over 7.5cm (measured 1.5m above ground level) and within a Conservation Area is removed because it is dead or dangerous, a landowner has a duty to plant another tree of an appropriate size and species at the same place. 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 the replacement trees to be of a minimum 2m high to be planted within the Church grounds in the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of felling.

If you feel that the duty to replant should be dispensed with in this case, please write to the Council within 28 days of the date of this letter with justification for the request.

PLEASE NOTE: The requirement to replant is the responsibility of the tree owner even if the Section 211 Notification was submitted by another person.

Reason: To retain the present visual amenity value of the Conservation area and ensure continuity of tree coverage in the Borough.

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

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Duckworth

Assistant Natural Environment Officer