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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Ness,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO AN OAK TO THE FRONT OF 72 OAT TREE ROAD, READING - PROTECTED AS T1 OF PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 214/06.

Thank you for your application dated 25th October 2019, regarding the above.

I can confirm that the following amended works, as agreed during our meeting on the 20th October 2019 and confirmed in your email dated 11th December 2019, are approved subject to the conditions below:

Approved Tree Works (as amended)

T1 - Oak

- Crown lift to give 5.5m clearance over the public highway lifting branch tips and removing one branch over the highway.
- Crown lift remaining canopy to give 4m clearance from ground level removing 1x low limb over the access drive and a short limb growing towards the neighbouring property as part of this work.
- Crown clean removing any dead, decayed or dysfunctional branches back to nearest suitable reduction points.
- Reduce canopy on north and northwest side by 2-2.5m to give reasonable clearance to properties 72 Oak tree Road, neighbouring property 74 Oak Tree Road and overhead cables, feathering in pruning cuts to leave a natural looking canopy outline.



Figure 1. Branches to be removed back to trunk as part of canopy lift

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

3. Crown cleaning should not include the removal of fused natural braces (branches or stems), or the removal of entwining branches or rubbing branches (where they may be forming a natural brace) from the crown of a semi-mature to fully mature tree without carrying out an assessment of any junctions formed below such natural braces.

Reason: Removal of natural braces may lead to failure of weak unions.

Informatives

1. 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.

2. Removal of dead or dangerous wood: This does not require the formal consent of the Council. 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'.

3. 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

4. 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 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SD' with a stylized flourish underneath.

Sarah Duckworth
Consultant Assistant Natural Environment Officer