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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Groark,

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES ON LAND AT 1 SURLEY PLACE, EMMER GREEN,
READING - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 11/06.**

Thank you for your application dated 24th June 2019, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on Wednesday 24th July, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application and amended in your email dated 24/7/2019, are approved subject to the conditions below:

Approved Tree Works

T6 Horse Chestnut - Fell to ground level, the tree has an area of bark necrosis and bacterial canker (*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *Aesculi*) which is disrupting the vascular cambium and causing dieback in the upper canopy.

T5 Horse Chestnut - Reduce lower branches by up to 1.5m in order to reduce weight and asymmetry of branches following removal of T6.

T1 & T2 Lime - Lift the crowns of the trees to 6m over the driveway and Scott Close (only) and selectively reduce the lateral spread of the trees' canopies over the driveway of 1 Surley Place by 1.5-2m using suitable pruning cuts to leave a natural looking canopy outline.

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. The approved canopy reduction shall be undertaken in mid-late Summer (July - September) when the tree's energy reserves are at their height or during the Winter months of December - January during the period of dormancy.

Reason: Taking into account the tree's phenological cycle and in order to avoid any unnecessary detriment to the tree as a result of the pruning work.

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

4. Following the felling of the tree (s) authorised by this consent, one broadleaf tree 3-4m tall shall be planted within a 5m radius of the felled tree during the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of the felling of the tree, whichever is soonest.

Planting should be carried out in accordance with clause 10 (Planting) of BS 8545:2014 'Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape - Recommendations'

Should the replacement tree be removed, die or become severely damaged or seriously diseased, all within 5 years of planting, it shall be replaced by a tree of a similar size and species to that originally planted. Modifications to the requirements of this condition must be agreed in writing with Reading Borough Council Natural Environment Team.

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

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

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. 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'.

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

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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