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Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mrs Jenkin,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO AN OAK TO THE FRONT OF WINCHENDON PLACE, PROTECTED AS T1 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 55/13.

Thank you for your application dated 26th August 2019 which was received on 12th September 2019, regarding the above.

I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

Approved Tree Works

- T1 (Oak) - selectively carry out a 3-4m reduction in canopy radius and 2m reduction in canopy height - please refer to the attached conditions.

The Borough Council would not usually approve a significant reduction to a protected tree unless there is an overriding health and safety requirement to justify the work. On this occasion, a reduction of the Oak is considered necessary in order to reduce the weight of the canopy and wind loading on stem which is weakened by historic decay and to reduce the spread of canopy following recent major branch failure.

Conditions

1. All tree surgery shall be in accordance with BS 3998: (2010) Tree Work - Recommendations. Cuts should be made to the nearest suitable pruning point in order to leave a natural-looking smaller version of the tree's existing canopy shape. Younger branching within the central canopy and mature epicormic growth will not be cut in the interest of tree health.

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

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,

Sarah Duckworth

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