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Your contact is:

Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Ms Halstead

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT 85 CHRISTCHURCH ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your email of 6 August 2019 regarding the above.

Further to my site visit of 8 August 2019, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Conifer in front garden (adjacent to Yew hedge) – reduce the height to that of the Yew hedge
- Yew tree in front garden (on boundary with No. 87) – reduce size and crown lift to give greater clearance above ground level
- Line of conifers in rear garden – reduce height and reduce to give greater clearance from Cherry tree; remove two low branches overhanging studio and neighbour's outbuilding

The works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 17 September 2019.

I consider the Yew tree hedge on the frontage to be maintained as a hedge, hence 6-weeks notification is not required for this, however thank you for advising us of your intention to prune the hedge which is noted.

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

Informatives

1. 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'.

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. Crown lifting of trees over the footpath and carriageway: If the clearance of vegetation overhanging the highway only involves the removal of branches to give a ground clearance to the statutory heights of 2.7m over the footpath and 5.5m over the road, this does not require formal consent from the Council. You are advised, however, to give notice to the Council of these intended works in order that they can be agreed.

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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