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Dear Mr Glassey

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE CHERRY TREE AT 12 SURLEY ROW (SHOWN ON TPO PLAN E2531 AS BEING AT NO. 14), READING - T5 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 34/07.

Thank you for your application of 9 July 2019, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on 29 May 2019, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

- T5 Cherry – fell

As advised in my email of 30 May 2019, the crown is in poor condition with a significant portion being dead. In addition, there is a large area of decay up the northern stem with decay also present at the base of the trunk and at a large pruning wound on the south side.

When the felling of T4 (Norway Spruce) was agreed in May as the tree was dead, we agreed to waive the replacement planting duty in that case due to the number of trees in the garden. However it is important to retain canopy coverage in the Borough, particularly in conservation areas where their treed nature is part of the character. The felling of T5 results in further tree loss, therefore a replacement tree is required in this case – please see condition 4 below.

Conditions

1. Five days notice in writing shall be given to the Council prior to undertaking the approved works.

Reason: To ensure that the Local Planning Authority is given sufficient notice of the works to enable the effective monitoring of tree work within the Borough.

2. 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

3. This decision is valid for two years from the date of this notice after which the consent lapses

4. Following the felling of the tree authorised by this consent, one replacement Wild Cherry (*Prunus avium*) of a minimum 6-8cm girth and 2.5m in height shall be planted within the rear garden in 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. 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. Tree work consents on land not owned by the applicant: It is strongly recommended that the owner of the tree be advised of any proposed works. The owner's permission must be sought if the tree works involve work past the boundary line. This consent does not in any way imply that this Council has informed the owner or sought permission or will condone the use of consents to force any landowner to grant such permission.

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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