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Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mr Woodthorpe

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT 1 MARLBOROUGH AVENUE, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your email of 28 August 2019 giving notice of your intention to prune various trees at the property.

Further to my site visit of 23 September, during which we clarified and agreed the specific work proposed, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Copper Beech – crown reduce by 1-2m and by no more than carried out in 2017.
- Cherry, Plum and Fig in north-west corner – fell.
The Cherry and Fig are, in any case, shown to be removed on approved drawing 2365/03 Rev C for planning permission 170579/FUL. Please note condition 6 of this planning consent which requires details of replacement trees for those felled to implement any part of the consent to be agreed in writing with the LPA.
- Silver Birch on Upper Redland Road boundary (rear) – reduce back to previous reduction points.
- Yew adjacent to Copper beech – prune on road side back to boundary.
- Green Holly in front garden – crown lift to 2-2.5m above ground level.
- Yew in front garden – prune on road side back to boundary.
- Variegated Holly in front garden – crown lift to 2-2.5m above ground level.
- Sycamore tree in front garden – fell (this tree is not worthy of a TPO).

We discussed the importance of trees in the conservation area and I note your intention to plant several new trees in the front garden and to fill in the gap in the Yew hedge (where the pedestrian entrance is) with new Yew plants, to keep the tree(s) adjacent to the vehicle entrance if feasible (when installing electric gates and moving fence) and to plant new trees if they are removed.

The works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 9 October 2019.

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. 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 require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Hanson

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