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Your contact is:

Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mr Dopson

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO THREE TREES AT 38 THE MOUNT, READING, RG1 5HL -
SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for your email of 24 June 2019 regarding proposed tree works at the above address. Your initial email gave notice of the intention to 'reduce the top of 2 Bay trees to previous level and trim front and sides hard and neatly'. Following my email of 24 June requesting the exact specification of the works, you confirmed in your email of 28 June that the proposal was to reduce the height by 1m and sides by a maximum of 0.5m.

Following my visit, my email of 11 July sought confirmation of the trees in question given that there were more than 2 trees on site. Your colleague subsequently confirmed that you also wished to give Notice of the intention to prune the tree immediately to the rear of the property (the original 2 confirmed as being on the rear boundary) so that the height is reduced to a point level with the bottom of the first floor window.

I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- 2 No. Bay trees on the rear boundary – reduce height by approximately 1m; reduce sides by a maximum of 0.5m
- 1 tree immediately to the rear of the property (on the northern boundary) – reduce height to a point level with the bottom of the first floor window.

The works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 5 August 2019.

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

I understand that the neighbours are very concerned about the trees on the boundary and the additional vegetation growing around and over them and vegetation overhanging the wall into The Mount (over the pavement). I hope therefore that all necessary matters are attended to without undue delay to ensure nuisance to the neighbours and to the highway are dealt with.

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

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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C.c. Jamie Hawkins, South East Property Management