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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr. Meaden,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO A MONTEREY CYPRESS TREE ON LAND AT 4 OAK TREE ROAD, TILEHURST, READING - PROTECTED AS T1 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 12/15.

Thank you for your application dated 25th February 2019, regarding the above.

In support of your application, you have provided a Tree Hazard Assessment Report on the condition of the tree by Urban Tree Experts, which confirms that the condition of the tree has been compromised by a large wound and decay within the heartwood of the tree. The tree has also suffered recent major branch failure. On site, I also noted that there are a number of other splits and cracks throughout the canopy, and I consider the risk of further branch failure to be high.

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

Approved Tree Works

- T1 (Monterey Cypress) Fell to ground level

Conditions

1. 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

2. Following the felling of the tree (s) authorised by this consent, one tree a minimum of 2-3m tall or 8-10 girth shall be planted within the rear garden during the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of the felling of the tree, whichever is soonest. The species of the replacement should be agreed in advance with the Borough Council before planting. For guidance, the replacement tree can be deciduous or evergreen but should have the potential to grow to a similar size on maturity to the tree which it replaces.

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. You are advised that this decision is valid for one pruning operation 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. **IMPORTANT:** 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

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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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