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Your contact
is:

Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Miss Cale

**RE: PROPOSED FELLING OF ONE OAK TREE AT 12 WOODLANDS GROVE, READING - T4 OF
TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 8/03.**

Thank you for your application of 25 March 2019, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on 18 March 2019 and subsequent email of the same date, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

- T4 Oak – fell.

As advised in my email and included in your application, there is an open wound on the south side of the trunk (facing the fence) near the base, approx. 1m high. There is evident decay / dysfunctional tissue associated with this wound. As you noted, there is a bulge at the base tree, on the west side, which is likely to indicate decay within the trunk, most likely associated with the open wound.

The tree is not of good form, with no main, central leader (trunk). The decline of the condition of the tree was noted in 2018 when application 180963 was processed, at which point an inspection of the tree was recommended. The crown appears thin and is unlikely to recover condition, particularly given the decay noted. Felling is therefore reasonable in this case.

I understand that you have the felling booked in for the 11 April 2019. If this date changes please let me know.

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

3. Following the felling of the tree authorised by this consent, one replacement native broadleaf tree of a minimum 8-10cm girth and 2.75m in height 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 shall be agreed with the Council.

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

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

Sarah Hanson

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