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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Ms Frenzel,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES ON LAND AT 241 HENDLEY ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 178/07.

Thank you for your application dated 15/01/2019, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on Wednesday 13th February 2019, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

Approved tree works

- T2 (Birch) - Prune to lift and reduce the canopy in order to give 2m clearance to neighbouring property.
- T3 (Cedar) - 2-3m reduction of the three lowest limbs extending north back to match adjacent natural canopy outline.
- T4 (Weeping Willow) Re-pollard back to previous reductions points. As discussed at our site meeting, following this reduction work the tree will be approximately 10m tall and the reduced branches around 3-4m in length.

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. Climbing spikes shall not be used whilst undertaking any form of works on living trees, except on trees to be felled.

Reason: Spikes can cause extensive long-term damage.

3. The approved canopy reduction of T4 (Weeping Willow) shall be undertaken in mid-late Summer (July - September) when the tree's energy reserves are at their height or during the Winter months of December - January during the period of dormancy.

Reason: Taking into account the tree's phenological cycle and in order to avoid any unnecessary detriment to the tree as a result of the pruning work.

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. 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'.

3. 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

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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