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27th March 2019

Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mrs Anderson,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO A DOUGLAS FIR ON LAND TO THE FRONT OF 10 SHEPHERDS LANE, CAVERSHAM, READING - PROTECTED AS T4 TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 92/02.

Thank you for your application dated 5th March 2019, regarding the above.

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

Approved Tree Works

T4 Douglas Fir

- Selective branch tip reduction of around 40 overlong lateral branches all round to give a final height of 21m and 5m radial branch spread.
- Remove over-extended branch assuming vertical growth, growing at 3m above ground level on the west side of the trunk over the access drive as shown.

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. The tree works hereby approved shall not exceed the reduction as indicated with a red line in the annotated photographs (ref. SAL1 and SAL7) on page 9 and 15 of the Arboricultural Report by Ben Abbatt of Sapling Arboriculture and which was submitted in support of your tree works application.

Reason: To preserve the long term health and amenity of the tree.

3. 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

Informatives

1. You are advised that, in accordance with Part 4, 17 (4) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012, this decision is valid for one pruning operation (as per the approved specifications) 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,

Sarah Duckworth

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