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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Stephen,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES ON LAND AT LAURENCE ALLISON MEWS, THE WARREN, CAVERSHAM, READING RG4 7TQ - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 21/12.

Thank you for your application dated 7th January 2019 and received on 8th 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 works

- T1 Ash (within G1 of TPO 21/12) Clean the crown by removing crossing / rubbing branches and declining branches. Reduce two over-extended branches on the south side by approximately 1.5m, cutting back to suitable growth point where possible.
- T2 Ash (within G1 of TPO 21/12) Clean the crown by removing crossing / rubbing branches and declining branches. Reduce the damaged branch on the south side by 2m, cutting back to suitable growth point where possible
- T3 Ash (within G1 of TPO 21/12) Clean the crown by removing crossing / rubbing branches and declining branches. Reduce the diseased branch by 2m, cutting back to suitable growth point where possible. Tidy or remove the deformed secondary growth point.
- T4 Ash (within G1 of TPO 21/12) Fell to ground level.
- T5 Douglas fir (T1 of TPO 21/12) Lift the canopy to give 2.2m clearance over ground level removing small branches, secondary and tertiary branches back to source.

- T6 Walnut (T2 of TPO 21/12) Clean the crown by removing crossing / rubbing branches and declining branches. Reduce over-extended lateral branches in the lower canopy by up to 2m, cutting back to suitable growth in line with the main canopy.

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. Following the felling of the tree authorised by this consent, one tree a minimum of 2-3m tall or 8-10 girth shall be planted within the property (front or rear) 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.

4. Crown cleaning should not include the removal of fused natural braces (branches or stems), or the removal of entwining branches or rubbing branches (where they may be forming a natural brace) from the crown of a semi-mature to fully mature tree without carrying out an assessment of any junctions formed below such natural braces.

Reason: Removal of natural braces may lead to failure of weak unions.

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

4. It is best to avoid works in the period immediately before or during bud burst and leaf fall to minimise the effect on the long-term health of the tree

5. Tree work consents on land not owned by the applicant: It is strongly recommended that the owner of the tree be advised of any proposed works. The owner's permission must be sought if the tree works involve work past the boundary line. This consent does not in any way imply that this Council has informed the owner of sought permission or will condone the use of consents to force any landowner to grant such permission.

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,

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