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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mr. Pullum,

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES WITHIN THE GARDEN OF 58 GRANVILLE ROAD,
READING RG30 3PX - SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 38/11.**

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

You have applied to carry out the following works:

T3 - Cherry

- Carry out a 25% canopy reduction (2m in height) and shape. Prune to clear lamp column.

This tree is a mature tree, growing adjacent to the public highway and which provides considerable amenity value to Granville Road. The tree has a large and spreading crown which extends over the highway and is growing close to the adjacent residential block.

The Borough Council would not usually support the full canopy reduction of an otherwise healthy protected tree due to the harm this work will have on the long term health and amenity of the tree. To date no information has been submitted to demonstrate that a complete reduction of the tree is necessary at this time in order to alleviate any particular health and safety concern regarding the tree.

In view of this, your application to carry out an entire canopy reduction of the tree by 2m has been refused.

I recognise that the low canopy and proximity of the tree to the adjacent building and street furniture may create a nuisance. In view of this, lesser works to provide reasonable clearance between the property and street furniture and to raise the canopy over the paths and adopted highway are approved below, subject to the conditions attached:

Approved tree works

Silver Birch (T2 of TPO 38/11)

- Crown lift over footpath to 2.5m

Cherry (T3 of TPO 38/11)

- Crown lift over footpath to 2.5m
- Reduce lateral branches on south (property) side of the canopy to create 2m canopy clearance to the building using nearest suitable reduction points.
- Reduce lateral branches on north (road) side of the canopy to create 1-1.5m canopy clearance street light and column

Rowan (T7 of TPO 38/11)

- Fell to ground level.

Regarding proposed works to remove deadwood from T5 (Norway Maple) and T6 (Silver Birch) please refer to informative 2 below.

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 Rowan tree authorised by this consent, 1x broadleaf tree a minimum of 2-3m tall shall be planted within the curtilage of 58 Granville Road during the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of the felling of the tree, whichever is soonest.

The replacement tree species should be agreed in writing with the Borough Council prior to purchase and planting. 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, 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 and hanging branches: Works to remove deadwood and broken hanging branch from T5 (Norway Maple) and T6 (Silver Birch) does not require the formal consent of the Council. 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. Trees not considered to be protected by the current Tree preservation order: Work can be carried out to this tree without the formal consent from this Council.

If you wish to appeal against the Council's refusal of consent to undertake a full canopy reduction of the tree, or against any of the conditions attached to the permitted works, please contact the Planning Inspectorate within 28 days of receipt of this letter to obtain the relevant forms:

The Environment Appeals Team
Trees and Hedges
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: 0303 444 5584

If you suffer any loss or damage as a result of this refusal of consent, you may be entitled to recover compensation from the Council. If you wish to make a claim you must do so within 12 months from the date of this decision (or, if you appeal to the Secretary of State, within 12 months from the date of his decision). Claims should be made in writing to the Insurance Section, Reading Borough Council, Civic Centre, Bridge Street, Reading, RG1 2LU.

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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