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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr. Hollands,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO A YEW TREE ON LAND AT 4 DEEPDENE CLOSE, READING - PROTECTED AS T1 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 62/02.

Thank you for your application dated 19th July 2019, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on 24th August 2019, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

Approved Tree Works

- T1 (Yew) - Reduce canopy height by 1/3 (interpreted as being a reduction of no more than 2-3m below the current height)

Please note that the Borough Council would not usually consent to the reduction of the canopy on an otherwise healthy, protected tree, however work is proposed within the garden to remove a small and badly formed Holm Oak which has suppressed T1 (Yew) leaving it etiolated in form. The removal of the Holm Oak will leave the canopy of T1 (Yew) exposed. It is considered appropriate therefore, to allow a reduction to the canopy of the Yew in order that the canopy can be sheltered within the adjacent canopy cover. Following which the tree can then grow to adapt to any new wind loading following the removal of the Holm Oak.

During my site visit Mrs Perfitt has advised that she did not wish to carry out any works to T2 (Scots pine) growing in the garden of 5 Deepdene Close therefore this element of the application has not been considered further.

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

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. 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

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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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