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Your contact is:

Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mr Wilson

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT 58 EASTERN AVENUE, READING - SUBJECT TO
CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for your Notification of 26 February 2019 regarding the above and for your email of 21 March 2019 confirming the addition of the Sycamore to the Notice.

Further to my site visit of 14 March 2019, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- T3 Apple – fell. The tree is small and not worthy of a Tree Preservation Order
- T4 Persian Ironwood – crown reduce by approximately 25% of leaf area (approximately 1-1.5m of the crown spread and height) as indicated on photographs provided
- T5 Strawberry tree – prune to give a clearance of 1.5m from the adjacent Magnolia
- Sycamore in north-west corner of the garden – re-pollard (note informative 3).

The works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 9 April 2019.

This decision is valid for two years from the date of this letter, after which it lapses.

Works to trees subject to TPO 103/06 are dealt with in separate correspondence for application 190337/TPO.

Informatives

1. 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'.
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 060 3900; enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk
3. 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
4. Crown lifting of trees over the footpath and carriageway: If the clearance of vegetation overhanging the highway only involves the removal of branches to give a ground clearance to the statutory heights of 2.7m over the footpath and 5.5m over the road, this does not require formal consent from the Council. You are advised, however, to give notice to the Council of these intended works in order that they can be agreed.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Hanson

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Natural Environment Officer

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