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Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Abram

**RE: PROPOSED FELLING OF ONE SILVER BIRCH AT 74A NORTHCOURT AVENUE, READING
- T3 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 18/10.**

Thank you for your application of 28 June 2019, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on 27 June 2019, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

- T3 Silver Birch – fell due to poor condition

I note your intention to replant with a multi-stem Silver Birch which is acceptable – please note condition 3 below.

Conditions

1. Five days notice in writing shall be given to the Council prior to undertaking the approved works.

Reason: To ensure that the Local Planning Authority is given sufficient notice of the works to enable the effective monitoring of tree work within the Borough.

2. This decision is valid for two years from the date of this notice after which the consent lapses

3. Following the felling of the tree authorised by this consent, one Silver birch (*Betula pendula*) of a minimum 8-10cm girth and 3m in height shall be planted within a 5m radius of the felled tree during the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of the felling of the tree, whichever is soonest.

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. 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

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

Sarah Hanson

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