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Your contact
is: Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Darby

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE ASH TREE AT 71A HAMILTON ROAD, READING - T1 OF
TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 127/06.**

Thank you for your application of 9 January 2019, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on 17 January and our subsequent exchange of emails to confirm the works, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application and emails, are approved subject to the conditions below and with reference to the attached photographs:

- T1 Ash – remove one minor branch overhanging the road back to source; reduce long branch growing close to the property (between 71a & 71 Hamilton Road) by approximately 5m back to (and leaving) a suitable growth point.

During my visit I noted the excessive amount of Ivy on the tree. It would be prudent to sever the Ivy and allow it to die off. As you know, as well as adding weight and sail area to the crown, it makes it difficult to identify any defects in the tree. Given the tree's location close to properties and the highway, it is important to be able to establish whether any potential health & safety issues are present. Please note condition 5 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. 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

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

4. 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. 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. 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 or sought permission or will condone the use of consents to force any landowner to grant such permission.

5. Prior to the severing of well-established Ivy at the base of the tree, it would be prudent to carry out an assessment of whether any of the stems of the Ivy are forming a natural brace above a suspected bark-included union

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

Tel: 0117 372 8192

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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