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25th February 2019

Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr. Vaderhalli,

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT 46 COCKNEY HILL, TILEHURST, READING -
SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 20/12.**

Thank you for your application dated 7th January 2019, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on 6th February 2019, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as outlined in your application and discussed in detail at our site meeting, are approved subject to the conditions below:

Approved tree works

(Please refer to the attached annotated photographs)

- T1 Hornbeam - Remove three lowest branches back to branch collar. Remove two crossing branches back to source. Prune canopy as required in order to give 1m clearance to street light.
- T2 Silver birch - Remove 8no lowest branches and 1 short branch stub adjacent to the stem form back to branch collar.

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 to trees.

Informatives

1. You are advised that this decision is valid for one pruning operation 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: 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'.
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. 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
5. The work hereby approved does not include the removal of fused natural braces (branches or stems), or the removal of entwining branches or rubbing branches (where they may be forming a natural brace) from the crown of T1 (Hornbeam). The fused crossing branch within the canopy of T1 (Hornbeam) is forming a natural brace and is considered to be important to the structural stability of the tree.
Reason: Removal of natural braces may lead to failure of weak unions.

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 Duckworth

Consultant Assistant Natural Environment Officer



1) Permitted branch removals on T1 (Hornbeam)



2) Permitted branch removals for T2 (Silver birch)