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Dear Ms Stevenson

RE: PROPOSED REMOVAL OF ONE MAPLE TREE FROM BBC CAVERSHAM PARK, PEPPARD ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 22/16.

Thank you for your application of 19 December 2017, regarding the above, and pre-application email of 18 December 2017 with an explanation for the removal.

As you have indicated, due to the BBC selling Caversham Park they are, quite rightly, contacting relevant persons regarding memorials on the site. I understand that the tree was a memorial for your son and you wish to take the tree and plant it elsewhere. We are supportive of such works, as are wholly reasonable for the families in question. Given the size of the tree (from your photos), moving it should be possible but I would recommend seeking professional advice on the moving process to ensure the tree survives its relocation. For the purposes of this application, the proposed works are taken as 'felling', albeit the tree will be relocated elsewhere.

I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

- Fell one Maple – the tree is small hence its removal would have no detrimental impact on the locality.

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

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

2. 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.

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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