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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Miss Lewis and Mr. Whittle,

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES ON LAND AT 6 SCHOLARS CLOSE, CAVERSHAM,
READING - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 135/01.**

Thank you for your application dated 2nd April 2019, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on 1st May 2019 and our meeting on 8th May 2019, I can confirm that the following amended tree works, as discussed in my site meeting with Mr. Whittle and confirmed via emails dated 15th and 29th May, are approved subject to the conditions below:

Approved works

- T1 Horse Chestnut - Crown lift secondary branches to give up to 5.5m clearance above ground level in order to improve light levels in the garden.
- T2 Cedar - Selectively reduce low lateral branch on northeast side of trunk as indicated on the attached annotated photograph (Fig. 1) in order to alleviate resident's concerns regarding the proximity of the branch tips to the property.
- T3 Beech - Crown lift secondary branches to give up to 5.5m clearance above ground level in order to improve light levels in the garden.

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

Informatives

1. You are advised that, in accordance with Part 4, 17 (4) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012, this decision is valid for one pruning operation (as per the approved specifications) 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. For the deciduous trees - T1 (Horse Chestnut) and T3 (Beech) it is best to avoid works major tree 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(s).

5. The Maple to the rear of your property is not considered to be protected by the current Tree preservation order: Work can be carried out to this tree without the formal consent from the Borough Council.

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

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cc. Julian Clarke, Canon Tree Care - via email: ctc.julian@yahoo.co.uk



Fig. 1 - Annotated photograph showing agreed pruning points on lower branch of T2 (Cedar)