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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mr. Quinn,

**REMOVAL OF DEAD / DANGEROUS TREES AT CAVERSHAM PARK, PEPPARD ROAD AND
WITHIN AREA 1 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER: 22/16 APPLICATION REFERENCE
NUMBER: 191117**

I am writing to you following my site visit on 21st August 2019 to assess your application to fell a dead / dangerous Oak at the front of the Written Archives Centre and in response to your subsequent email dated Thursday 29th August notifying the Borough Council of an additional 5 dead trees to be removed within Caversham Park.

I can confirm that you may fell the following trees as they have been confirmed as being dead / dangerous and are therefore exempt under the Tree Preservation Order Legislation.

1. Dead Oak to the front of the BBC Written Archives Centre
2. 5x Dead Hawthorn and Poplar as indicated photographs from Ground Control dated 28th August 2019.

When felling dead trees, tree owners, their agents and authorities should consider biodiversity. Dead trees and branches can provide very valuable habitats for plants and wildlife, which may also be protected under other legislation.

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.

To conserve biodiversity it can be good practice to retain dead wood on living trees and at least the lower trunk of dead 'ancient' or 'veteran' trees unless, for example, safety reasons justify removal. Safety has priority, but safety considerations may not necessitate removal of all dead branches on living trees or the whole of a dead tree. It may be helpful to seek expert arboricultural and ecological advice.

Under Section 206(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, a landowner is under a duty to replace a tree which is removed because it is dead or dangerous. The duty on the landowner is to plant another tree of an appropriate size and species at the same place as soon as he or she reasonably can.

In this case the Council would expect:

- 1 replacement Oak of a minimum 'standard' size (2.75-3m high) to be planted at the front of the Written Archives Centre and
- 5x trees (1.5-2m high) elsewhere within Caversham Park in the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of felling.

If you feel that the duty to replant should be dispensed with in this case, please write to the Council within 28 days of the date of this letter with justification for the request.

Thank you for consulting us on this matter.

If you would like any further information about your application or our procedures, please contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Duckworth

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