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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr. Petherbridge,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO AN OAK TO THE FRONT OF 45 ORCHARD GROVE, CAVERSHAM AND PROTECTED AS T3 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 68/01.

Thank you for your application dated 4th September 2018 which was validated on 5th November 2018, regarding the above.

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

Approved Works to T3 (Oak) of TPO 68/01

- Clear epicormic growth on stem up to first major union and lift epicormic growth to create a uniform shape.
- Lift secondary growth growing towards 44 Orchard Grove over drive to 5.5m
- 2 limbs previously reduced growing towards no 45, reduce re growth by 50cm, leaving enough growth to maintain life in limbs.
- Secondary growth towards street light, reduce away to maintain effective lighting (please refer to Condition 2)
- Remove all major deadwood and dangerous limbs
- (As per your specification -) no cuts to exceed 5cm diameter.

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. Pruning work to clear the street light will include the necessary pruning cuts to give no more than 1m clearance between the street light using the nearest suitable reduction points.

Reason: To prevent excessive pruning to the detriment of the health and amenity of the tree.

3. 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 this decision is valid for 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. 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. Tree work consents on land not owned by the applicant: Where a tree is 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. Nor will the Borough Council condone the use of this consent to coerce the landowner to grant permission for the approved works against their wishes.

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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