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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Ms Nias,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 2X NORWAY MAPLES ON LAND AT THE PINNACLE, KINGS ROAD READING AND PROTECTED AS T1 & T2 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 166/06.

Thank you for your application dated 20th March 2019, regarding the above.

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

Approved Tree Works

- T1 & T2 (Norway Maple) - Crown lift to give 3m clearance over the public footpath and internal paths to allow for access and to abate a nuisance.

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

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. IMPORTANT - Disturbance of wildlife: Tree contractors are required to avoid tree works from impacting on nesting birds under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and European Habitats Directive 1992/Nesting Birds Directive.

The 'Bird Nesting Season' is officially from February until August (Natural England) and it is recommended that tree or hedge cutting or site clearance should be done outside of the nesting season.

However, in reality the nesting period may start before this and extend beyond it in some cases. The busiest time for nesting birds is from 1st March until 31st July and of course varies according to species, etc.

When tree or vegetation clearance work has to be undertaken during the nesting season, a pre works survey needs to be carried out by a suitably competent person. As a general rule, it should be assumed that birds will be nesting in trees, and contractors are required to assess, record and confirm that any works carried out in the management of trees and other vegetation has not disturbed actively nesting birds.

3. T3 (Goat Willow) of this application is not protected by a Tree preservation order and can be carried out to this tree without the formal consent from this Council. However the tree is a significant specimen growing adjacent to the Kings Road and the Borough Council would therefore encourage the applicant to undertake replacement planting once the tree has been removed to maintain the verdant amenity provided by trees along the Kings Road frontage.

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,

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