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Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Ms Lewis

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT 34 JUNCTION ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your email of 17 September 2018 regarding the above.

Further to my site visit of 27 September 2018, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Cercis on frontage – remove branch growing against front fence (over pavement and road); reduce growth across the drive towards the house to just under 3m from the house
- Birch on frontage – remove a few small branches which are extending across the pavement into the road
- Laurel on frontage – trim back to previous established shape
- Magnolia at rear (in neighbour's property) – reduce extent of overhang (please note informative 4 below)

The works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 29 October 2018.

This decision is valid for two years from the date of this letter, after which it lapses.

Informatives

1. 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'.
2. 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
3. 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
4. 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 require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Hanson

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