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Your contact is:

Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mrs Cooper

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO A MAPLE AND HOLLY TREE AT 1 NEW ROAD, READING -
SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for your email of 23 October 2018 giving notice of the intention to fell a Maple tree on the west boundary due to its proximity to the wall.

During my site visit of 30 October 2018 we discussed the adjacent Holly which is also coming into contact with the boundary wall and agreed that this tree would be added to your Notification.

It is fairly common for tree Notifications/applications to be received where trees are in close proximity to walls. These are not always agreed and depend on the circumstances, particularly where alternatives to felling are possible whilst repairing/retaining the wall intact and where the tree is of high amenity value. In your case, the trunk of the Maple is in contact with the top section of the wall and is displacing the adjacent bricks and is a situation that will only worsen over time. The Maple itself is a reasonable, mature tree, visible from New Road hence providing amenity value to the conservation area. However, due to the damage that is occurring, and will continue to occur to the wall, felling is reasonable. Amenity will still be provided by the adjacent TPO Cedar. Similarly with the Holly, whilst it is current not causing damage to the wall, it is in direct contact so will cause damage as it grows; the tree not yet being mature. It is relatively small, providing little amenity value to locality hence its loss would not have a detrimental impact.

I can therefore confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Maple on west boundary – fell
- Holly on west boundary – fell

Please refer to the attached photographs to identify the trees.

The works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 4 December 2018.

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

Informatives

1. 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

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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Natural Environment Officer